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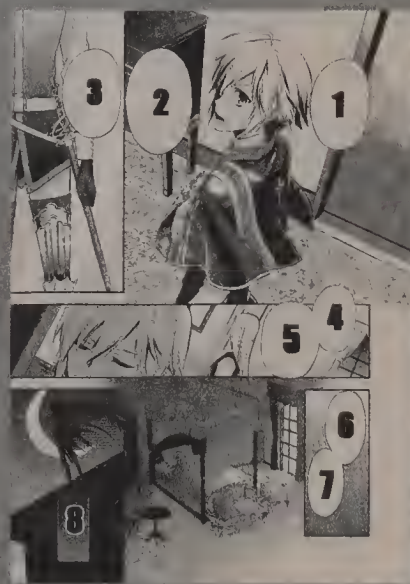
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READING DIRECTIONS

This book reads from *right to left*, Japanese style. If this is your first time reading manga, you start reading from the top right panel on each page and take it from there. If you get lost, just follow the numbered diagram here. It may seem backwards at first, but you'll get the hang of it! Have fun!!



"LOUISE
THE ZERO"
DOES IT
AGAIN!!

Ha
ha
ha!

SHE
SUMMONED
A PEASANT
AS HER
FAMILIAR!

LOOK!

Bwa

ha
ha
ha!

A
PEASANT!

TWITCH

?!

JUST A LITTLE
MISTAKE! I
MESSED UP THE
INCANTATION,
THAT'S ALL.

This is
thing...!!

THIS...
THING...
CAN'T
POSSIBLY
BE MY
FAMILIAR!

I'LL
JUST
HAVE
TO TRY
AGAIN!

I DO
NOT!

I DON'T THINK
SO. YOU ALWAYS
SCREW UP BIG
TIME.

"LITTLE
MISTAKE"?

Be
quiet!

NOD

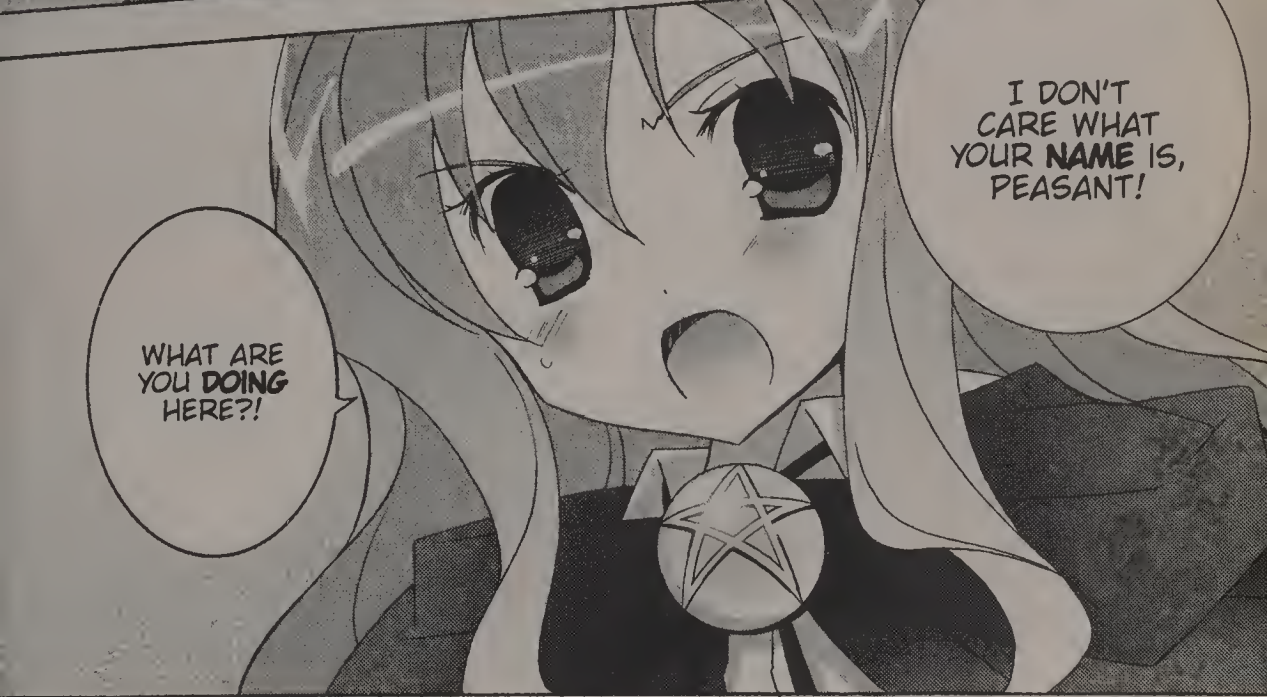
NOD

Continued in
Zero's Familiar
Omnibus 1-3!



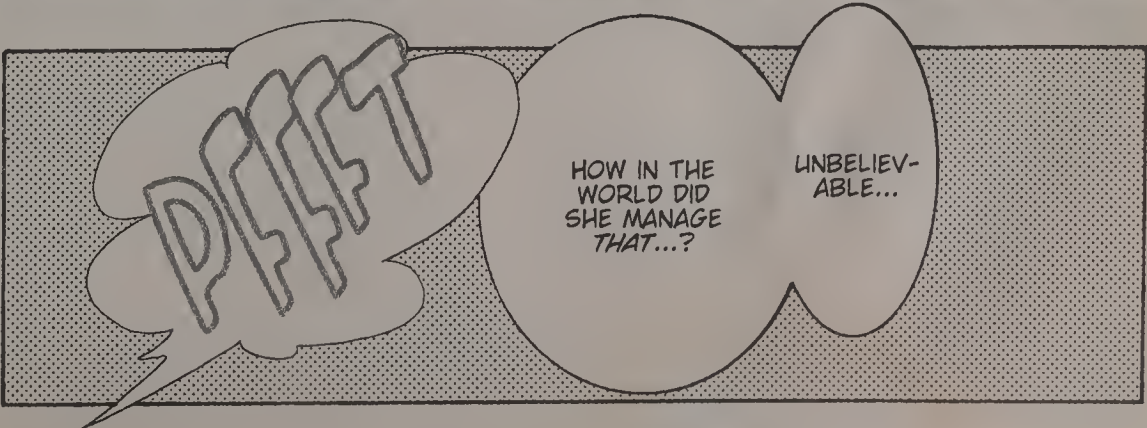
SAITO
HIRAGA.

I'M...
UHH...
I'M...



WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE?!

I DON'T
CARE WHAT
YOUR **NAME** IS,
PEASANT!



PFFT

HOW IN THE
WORLD DID
SHE MANAGE
THAT...?

UNBELIEV-
ABLE...



WHO ARE
YOU?!





WHOA!

Eek

WHOOOSH

FLASH

OH...

OWWW...!



**AND
BRING
FORTH...**

**MY
FAMIL-
IAR!**

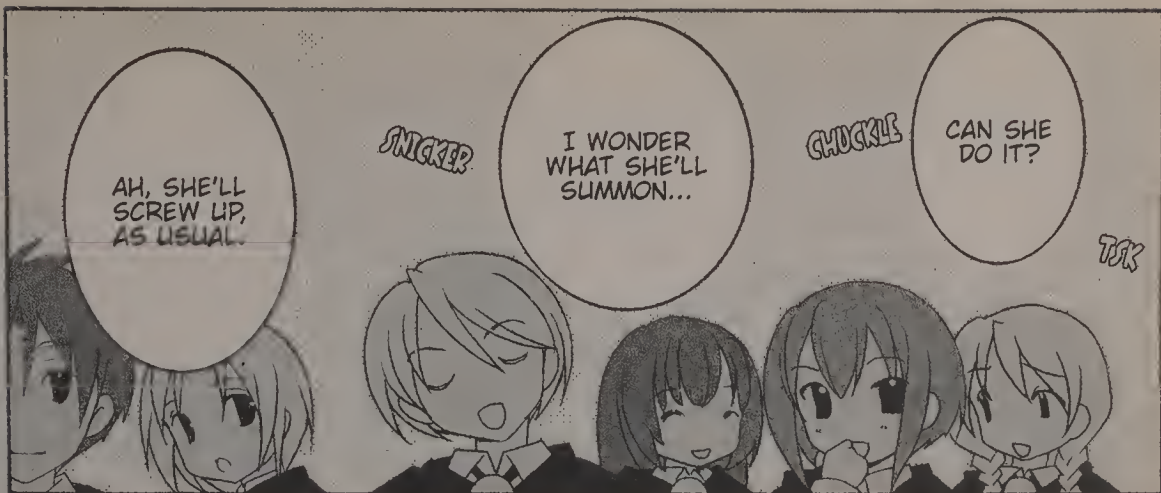


PENTAGON
OF THE FIVE
ELEMENTS...

MY NAME IS
LOUISE FRANÇOISE
LE BLANC DE LA
VALLIÈRE.

HEED MY
CALL...

VOOM





ZERO'S FAMILIAR

SPECIAL PREVIEW

独裁者

Dictatorial Grimoire



A CHANGE
OF HEROES?!
BETRAYED BY
CINDERELLA,
HOW WILL
GRIMM
AND HIS
STORY
END...?!

NEW
HERO(?)
SORIMACHI
YUMA

POOR
OTOGI
GRIMM...
BUMPED
DOWN
TO A BIT
PART(?)



MÄRCHEN
DEMONS ONE
AFTER ANOTHER!!
NEW TWISTS YOU
CAN'T MISS!!

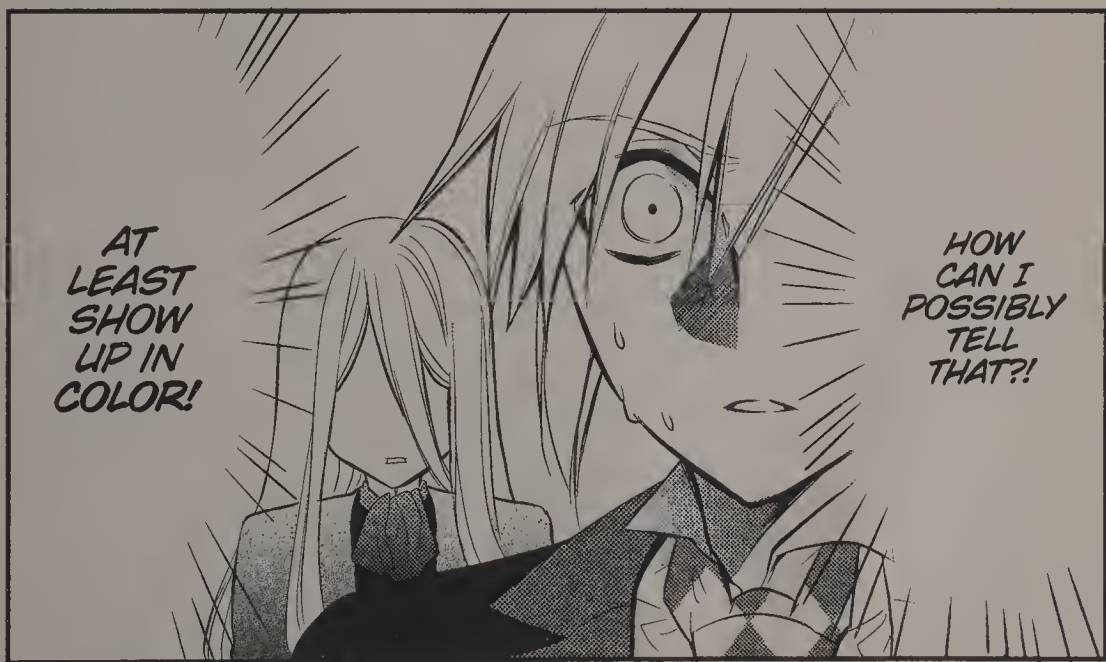
DICTATORIAL GRIMMOIRE

VOL. 2:
SNOW WHITE
COMING SOON!



I'M
RED
RIDING
HOOD.

CAN'T
YOU TELL
JUST BY
LOOKING
AT ME?



AT
LEAST
SHOW
UP IN
COLOR!

HOW
CAN I
POSSIBLY
TELL
THAT?!

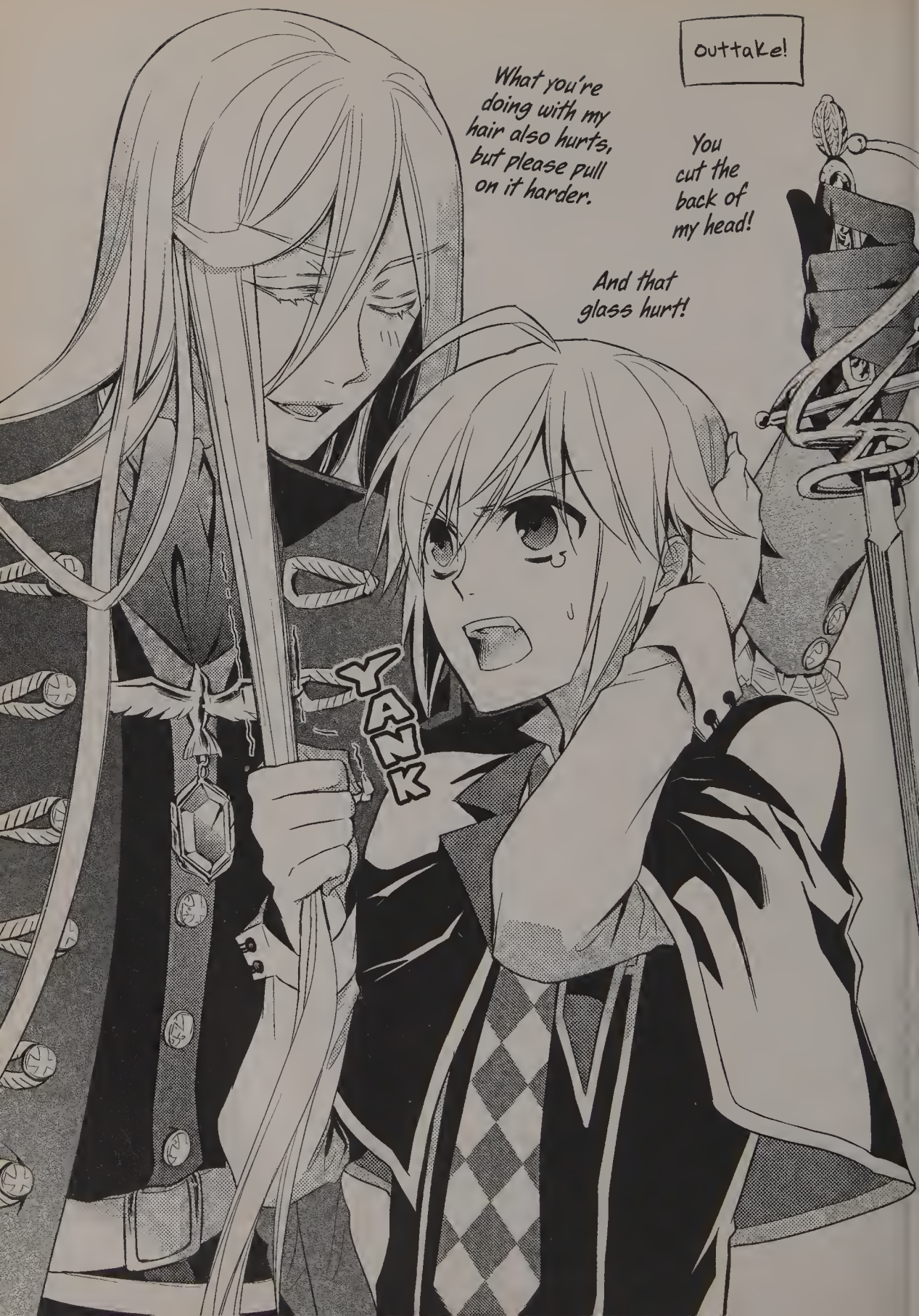
Outtake!

What you're
doing with my
hair also hurts,
but please pull
on it harder.

You
cut the
back of
my head!

And that
glass hurt!

YANK







HELLO, NICE TO MEET YOU! MY NAME'S AYUMI KANOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PICKING UP VOLUME 1 OF *Dictatorial Grimoire*!! IT'S MY FIRST ORIGINAL COMIC, SO I WAS A LITTLE NERVOUS, BUT I'LL BE HAPPY IF YOU ENJOYED READING IT.

I WAS SUPPOSED TO DRAW SOMETHING FOR THE MAGAZINE *COMIC GENE*, SO MY EDITOR AND I WERE RACKING OUR BRAINS FOR A GOOD IDEA. AND SO *Dictatorial Grimoire* WAS BORN! "OKAY, SO THE CHARACTERS FROM GRIMM'S FAIRY TALES ATTACK." "THE PROTAGONIST'S TOTALLY FULL OF HIMSELF." "AND CINDERELLA'S A TOTAL MASOCHIST." I'M PRETTY SURE THOSE ARE ALL THINGS WE SAID IN THE MEETING. ROUGHLY SPEAKING... AND I'M SPEAKING ROUGHLY NOW, TOO, BUT I AM WORKING ON STORIES FOR NEXT TIME TO KEEP READERS ON THE EDGE OF THEIR SEATS.

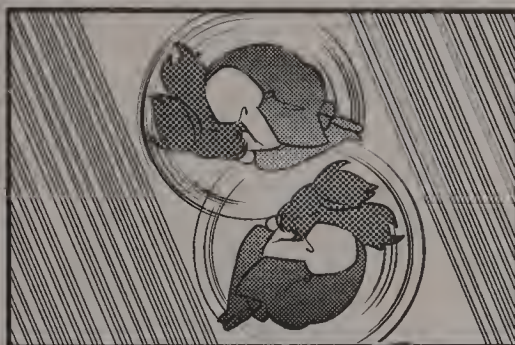
YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING WHAT KIND OF FAIRY TALE DEMONS APPEAR NEXT TIME! I'M TRYING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO REFERENCE STORIES THAT ARE VERY WELL KNOWN. AND I'D LOVE IT IF YOU'D TELL ME ABOUT ANY GRIMM'S FAIRY TALE CHARACTERS YOU'D LIKE TO SEE.

I'LL KEEP WORKING HARD SO THAT YOU'LL KEEP WANTING TO JOIN ME, SO I HOPE YOU WILL ALL ROOT FOR ME! I'LL SEE YOU IN THE NEXT BOOK! ENDING THIS WAY FEELS LIKE IT'S ALREADY THE LAST BOOK COMING UP... AND THIS IS ONLY VOLUME 1.

AYUMI KANOU

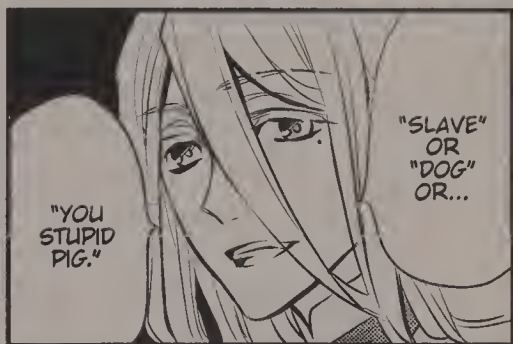
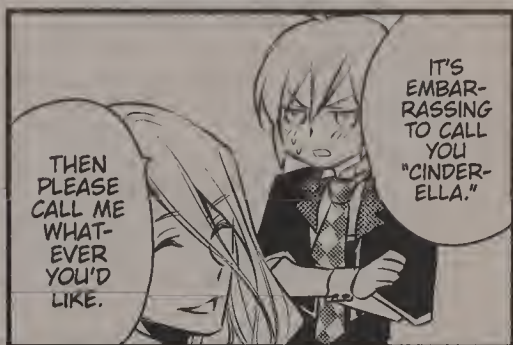
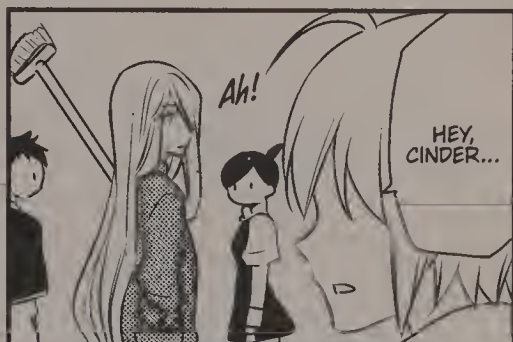
THIS BOOK CAME OUT THANKS TO THE KINDNESS OF: EVERYONE IN THE EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT OF MEDIA FACTORY'S GENE MY SUPERVISOR, IKO-SAN SHIMA-SAN, YUKINA-SAN, ASAHINA-SAN, M-TA-SAN, HAZUKI-SAN EVERYONE IN MY FAMILY, EVERYONE ELSE INVOLVED IN THIS BOOK THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!

SUPER GIRL HIYORI

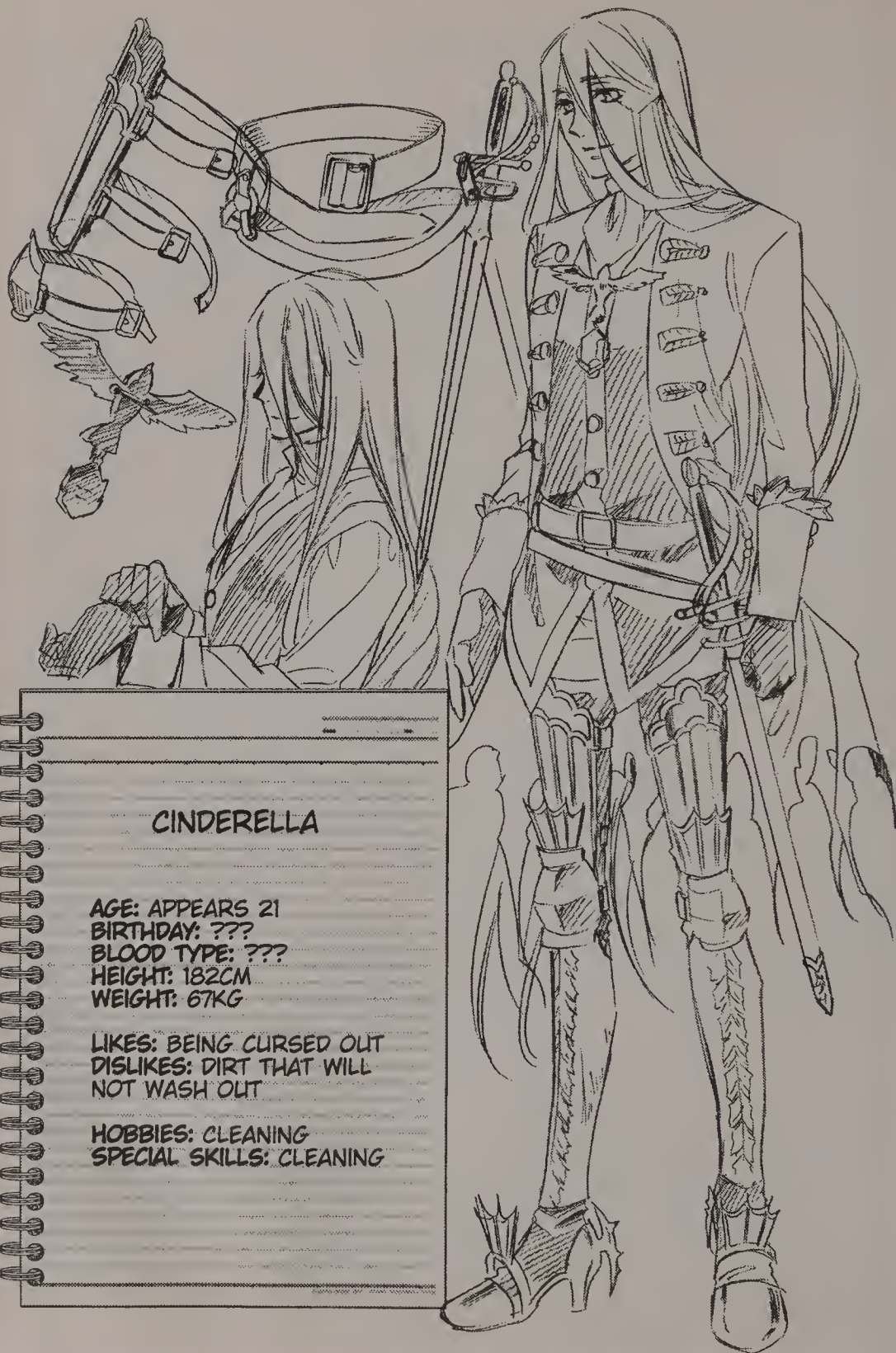


She didn't actually need help.

YOUR NAME IS...



He learned to deal with "Cinderella."



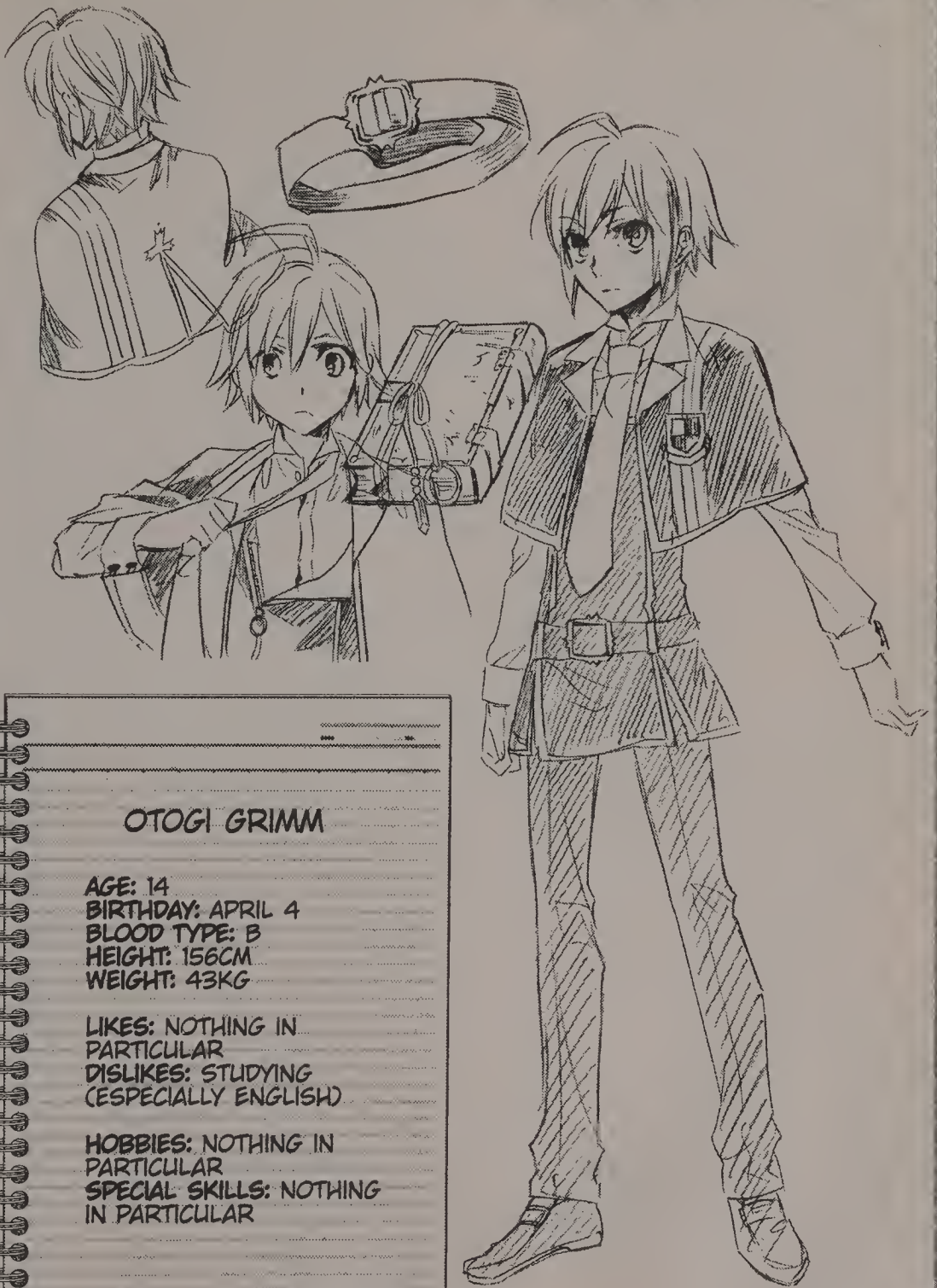
CINDERELLA

AGE: APPEARS 21
BIRTHDAY: ???
BLOOD TYPE: ???
HEIGHT: 182CM
WEIGHT: 67KG

LIKES: BEING CURSED OUT
DISLIKES: DIRT THAT WILL
NOT WASH OUT

HOBBIES: CLEANING
SPECIAL SKILLS: CLEANING

CHARACTERS



OTOGI GRIMM

AGE: 14
BIRTHDAY: APRIL 4
BLOOD TYPE: B
HEIGHT: 156CM
WEIGHT: 43KG

LIKES: NOTHING IN
PARTICULAR
DISLIKES: STUDYING
(ESPECIALLY ENGLISH)

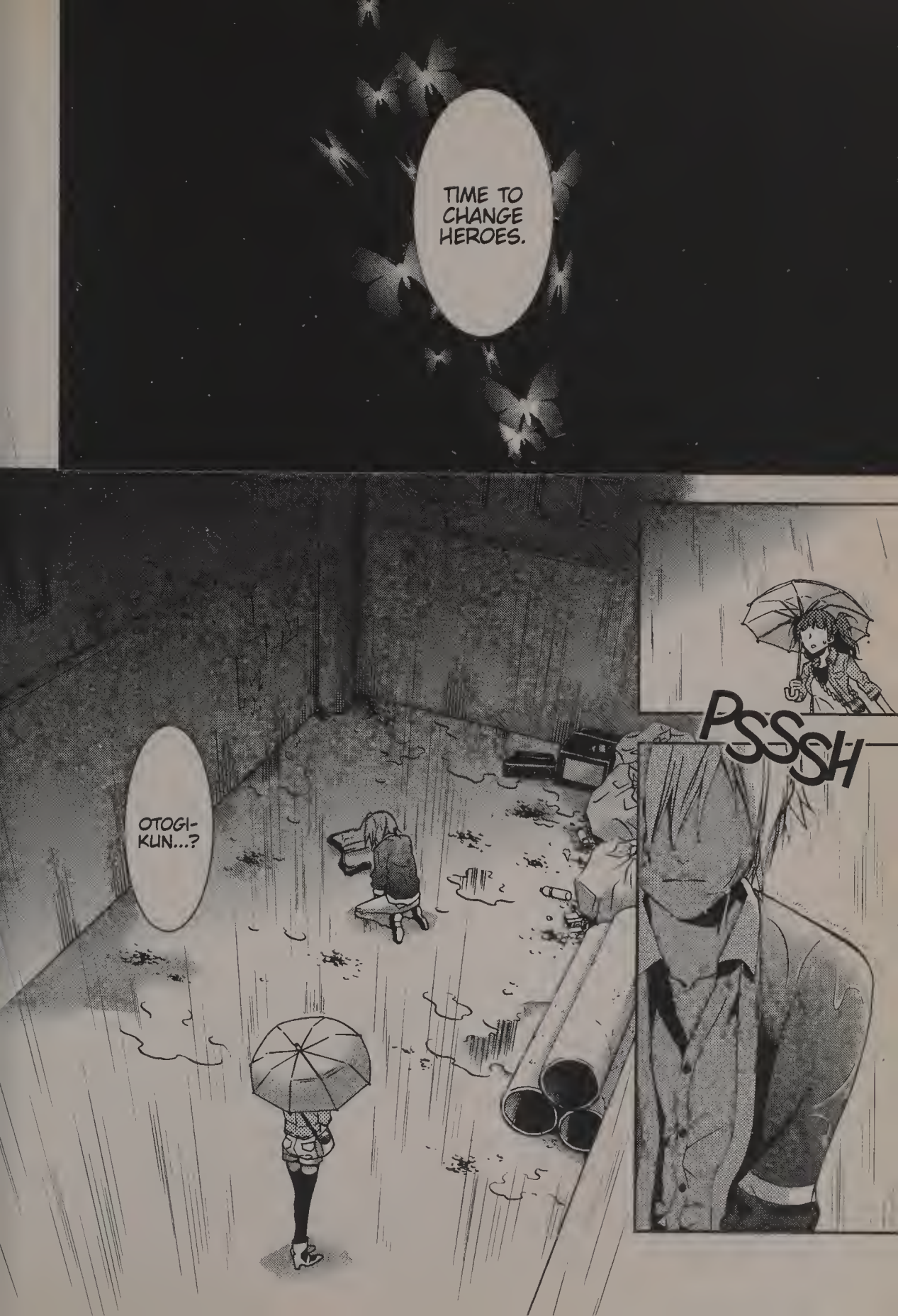
HOBBIES: NOTHING IN
PARTICULAR
SPECIAL SKILLS: NOTHING
IN PARTICULAR

To be continued...

TIME TO
CHANGE
HEROES.

OTOGI-
KUN...?

PSSSH

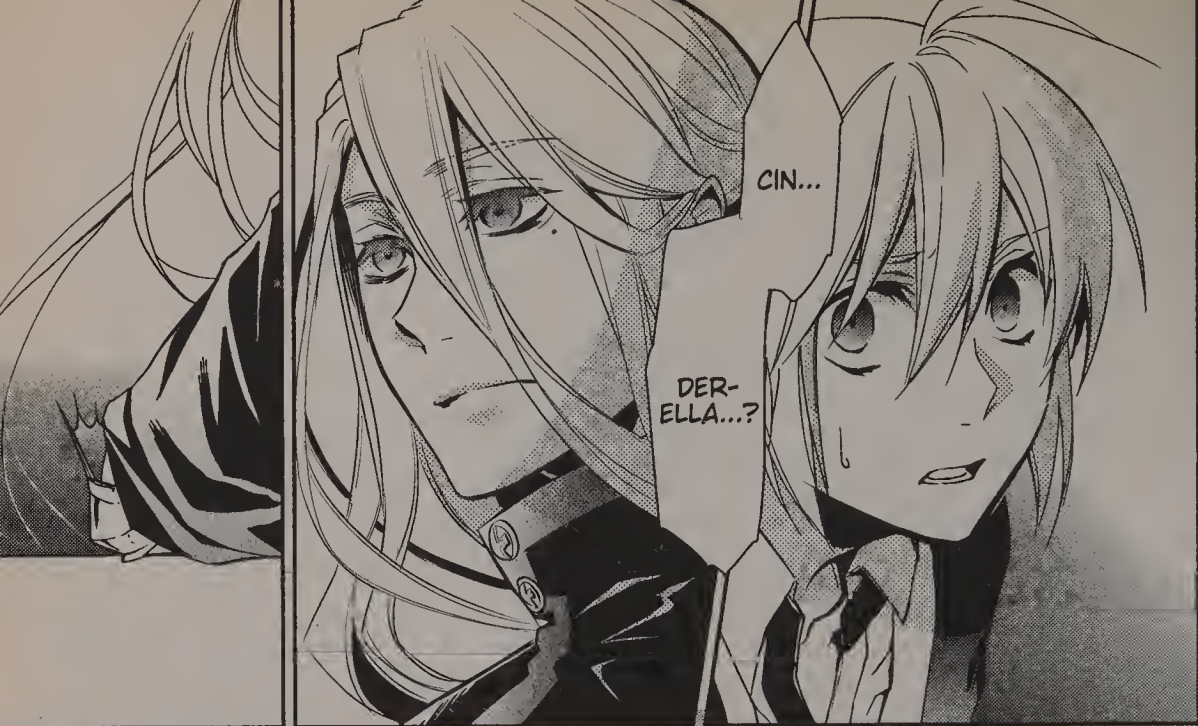




SEE
YA, BIT
PART!

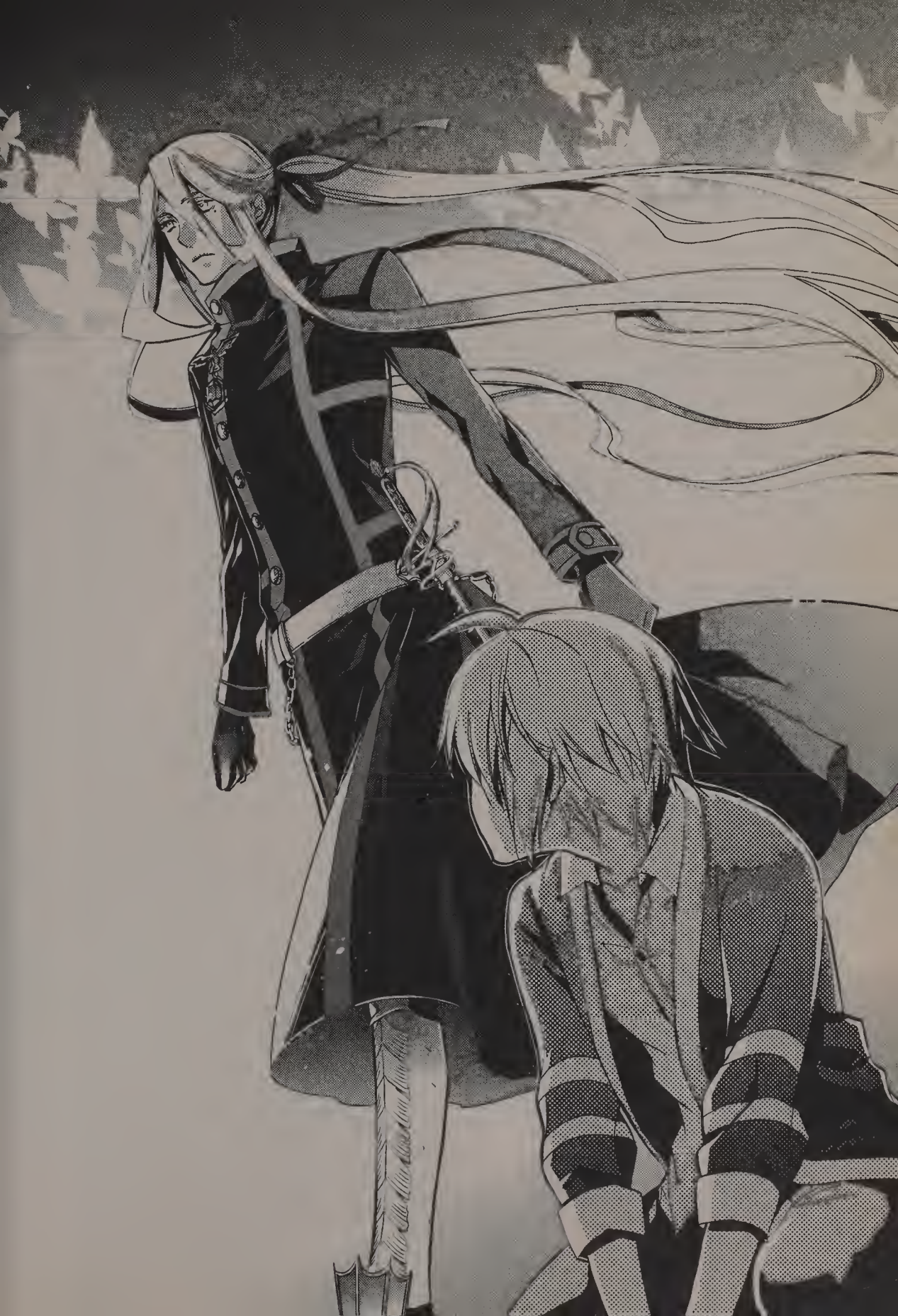


YOU
ARE NOT
NEEDED
HERE.



"German for "king."



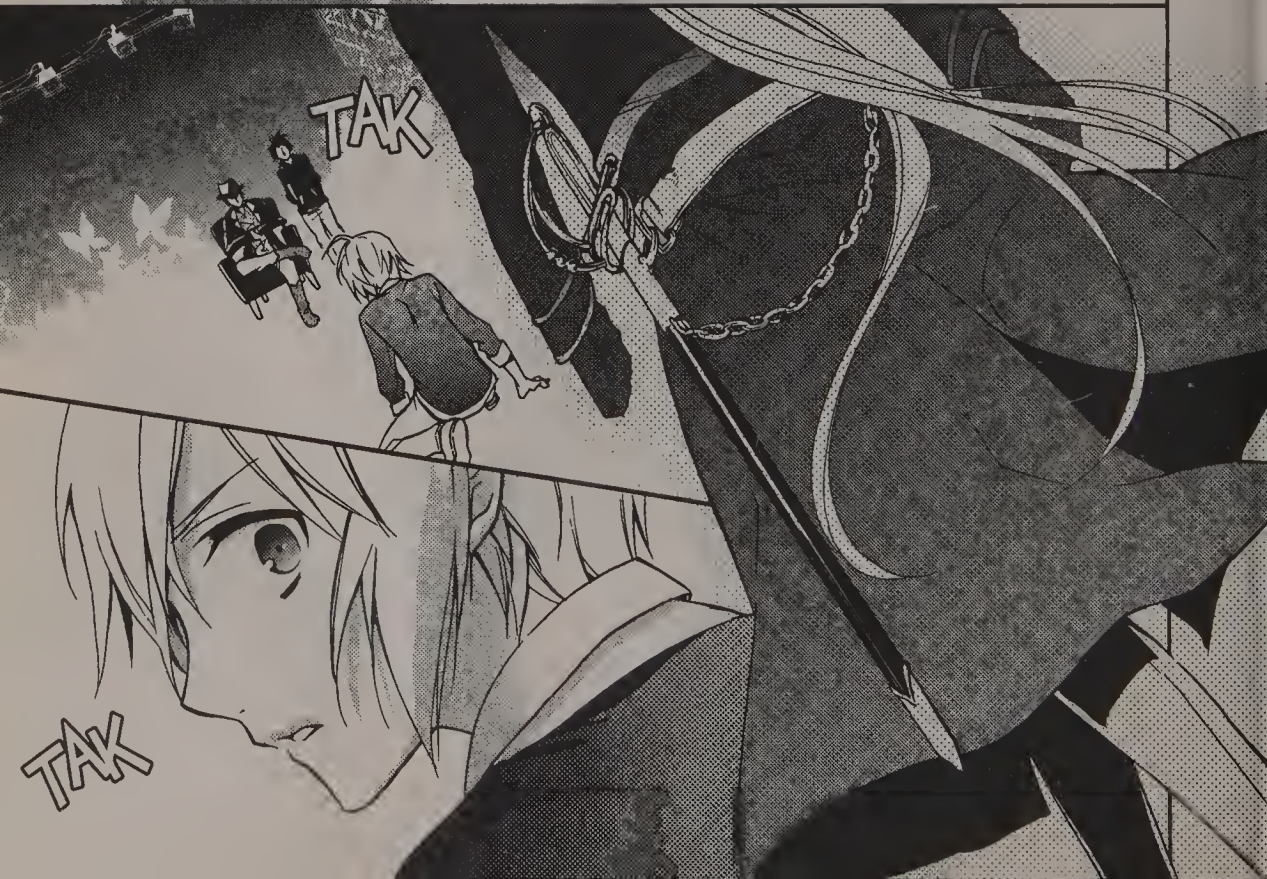




OH,
BIEN
SUR!

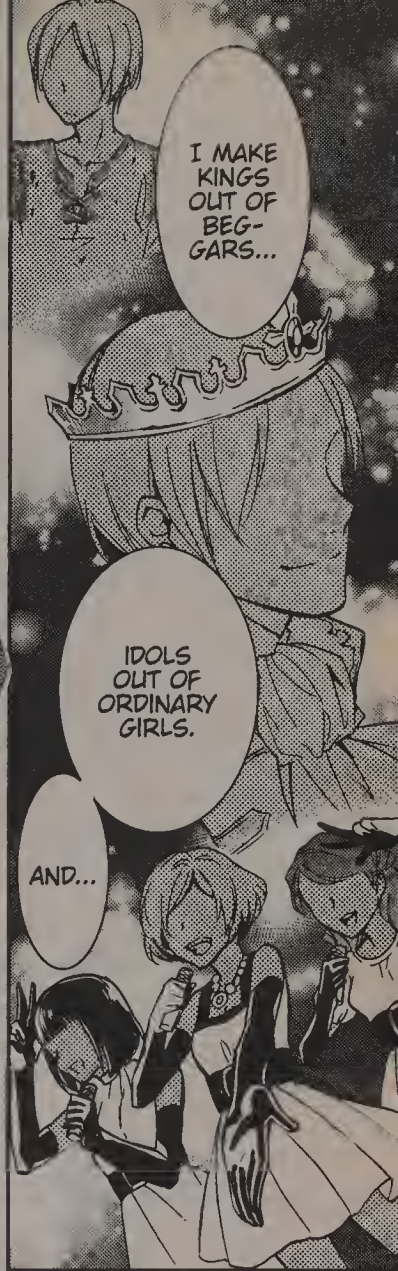
THE HERO
NEEDS A
SERVANT.

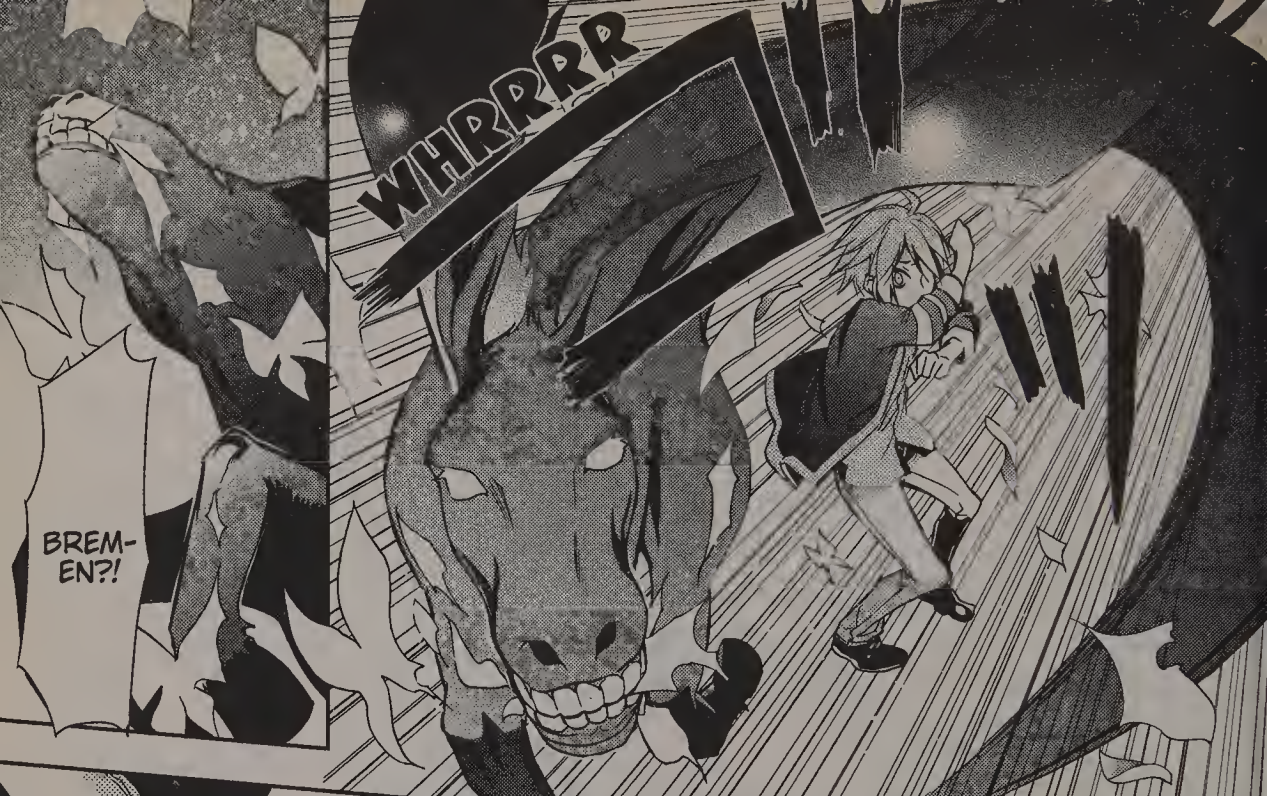
TAK



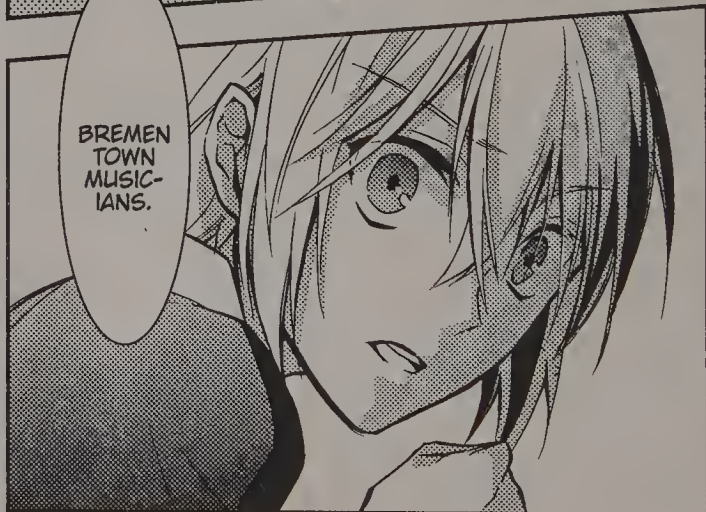
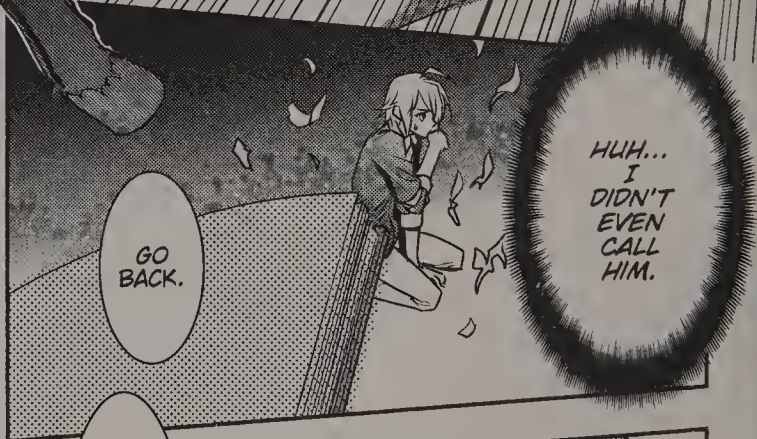
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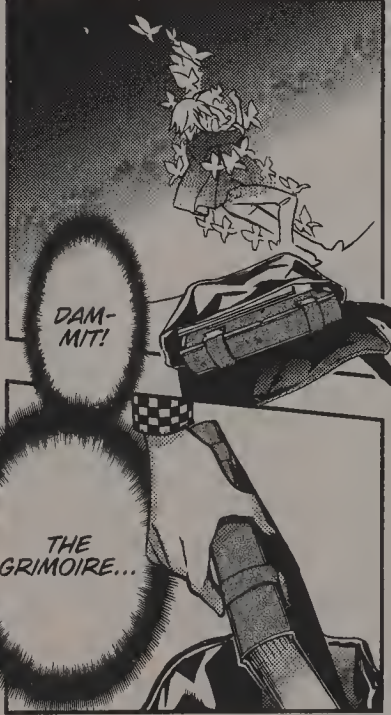
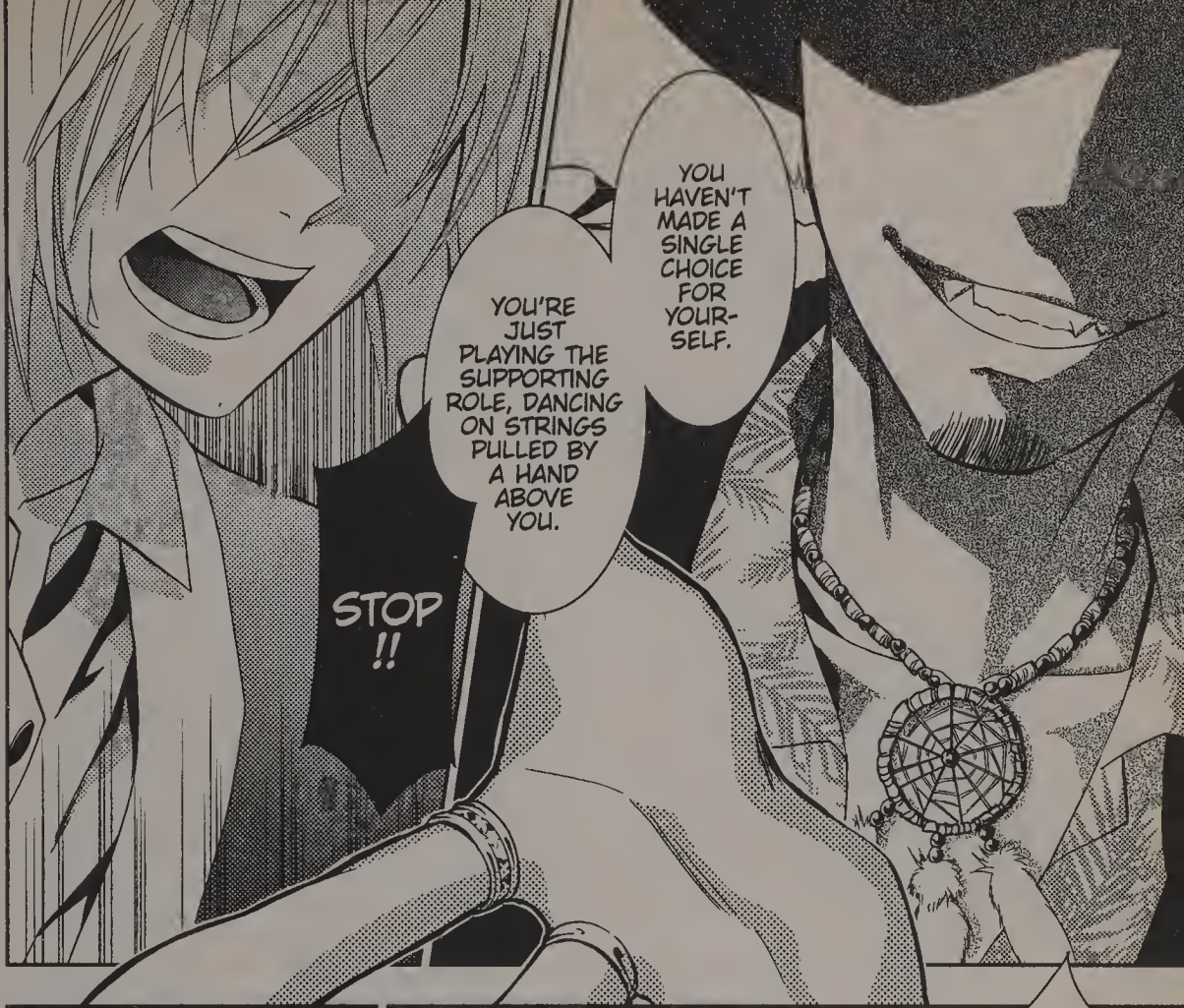
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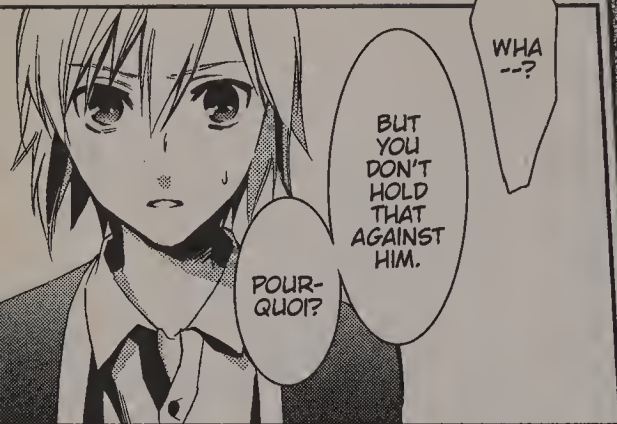




MOI,
I AM
PUSS IN
BOOTS.



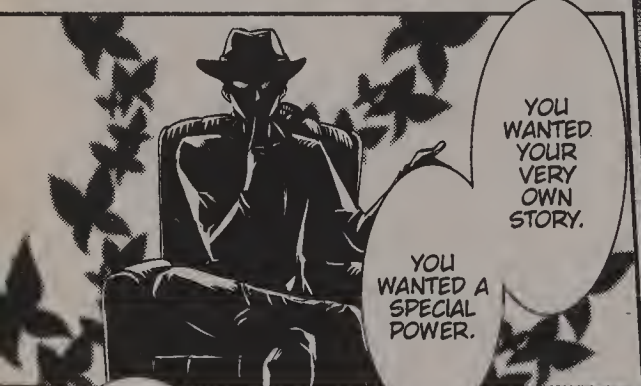




WHA
--?

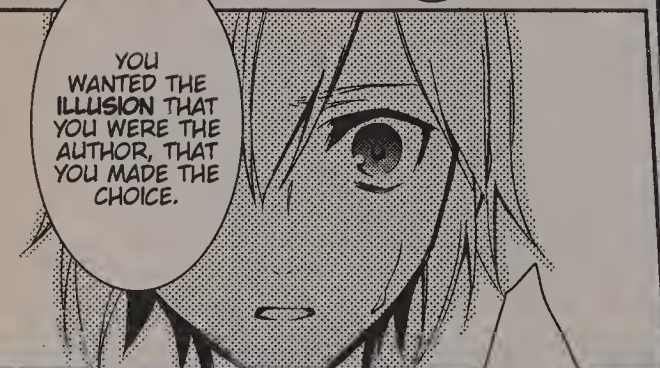
BUT
YOU
DON'T
HOLD
THAT
AGAINST
HIM.

POUR-
QUOI?



YOU
WANTED
YOUR
VERY
OWN
STORY.

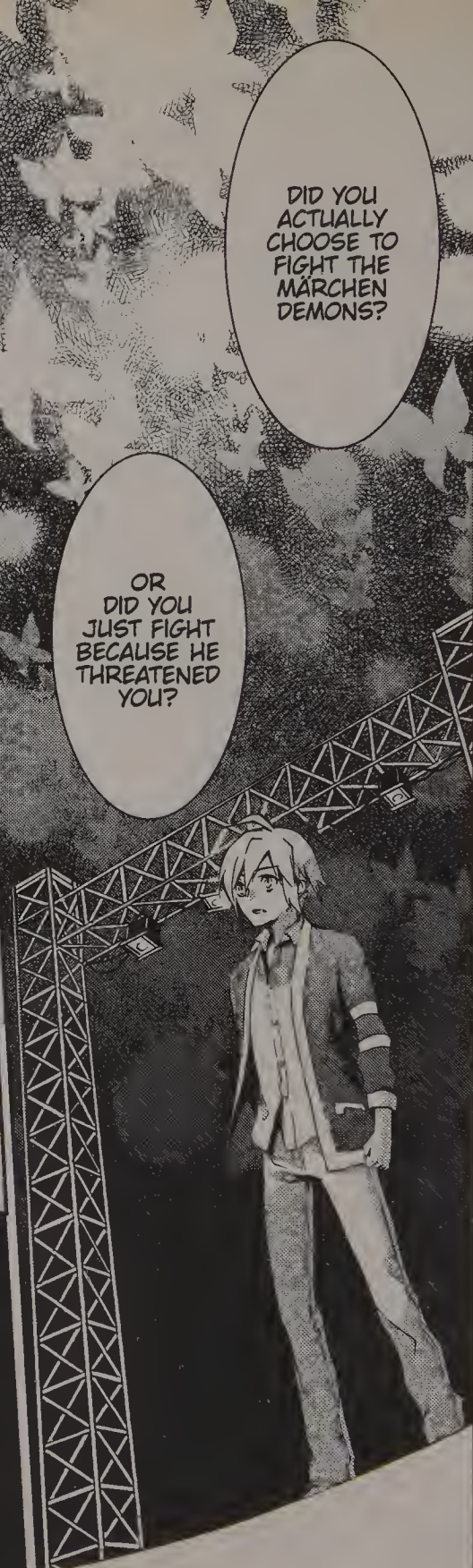
YOU
WANTED A
SPECIAL
POWER.



YOU
WANTED THE
ILLUSION THAT
YOU WERE THE
AUTHOR, THAT
YOU MADE THE
CHOICE.

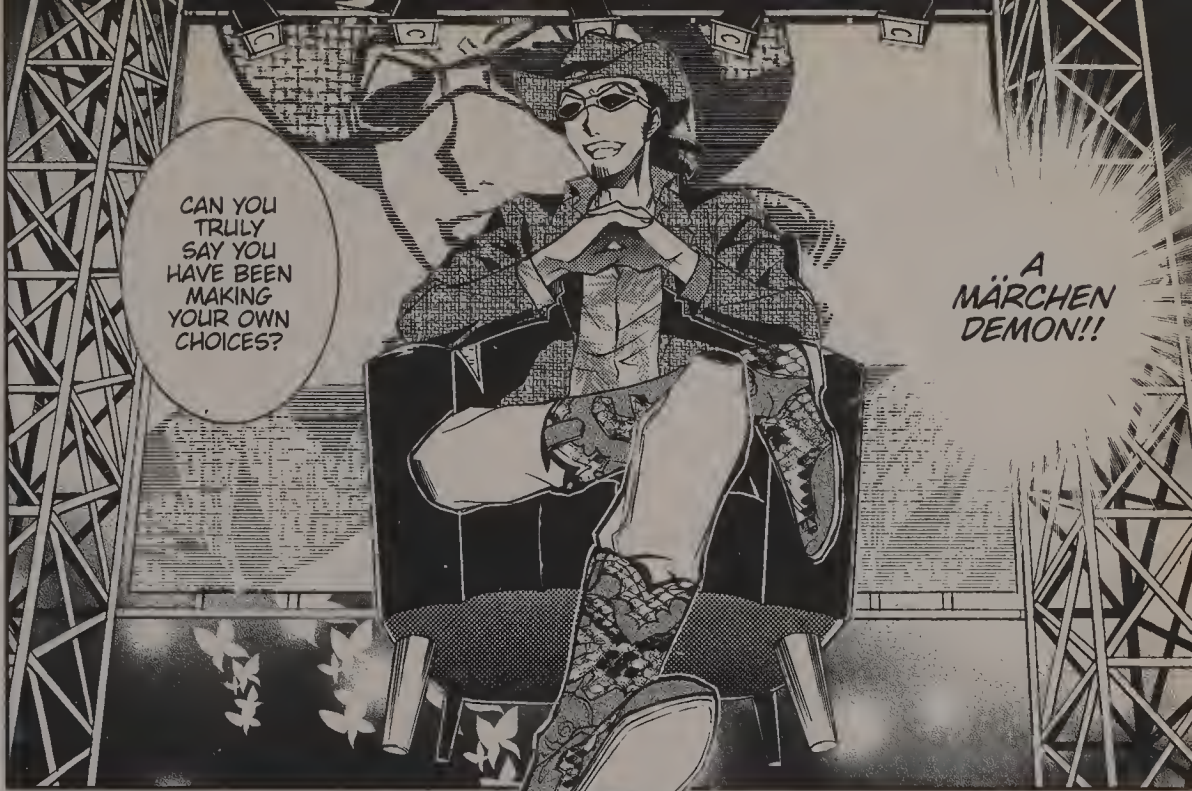
STOP
--!

BUT
REALLY
...



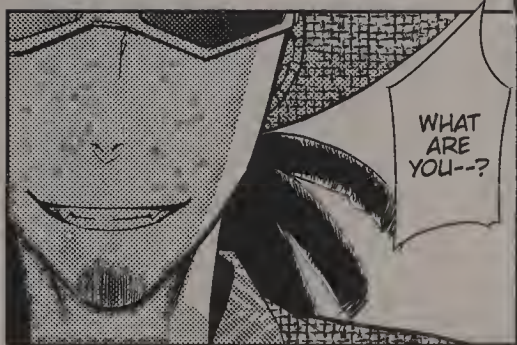
DID YOU
ACTUALLY
CHOOSE TO
FIGHT THE
MÄRCHEN
DEMONS?

OR
DID YOU
JUST FIGHT
BECAUSE HE
THREATENED
YOU?



CAN YOU
TRULY
SAY YOU
HAVE BEEN
MAKING
YOUR OWN
CHOICES?

A
MÄRCHEN
DEMON!!



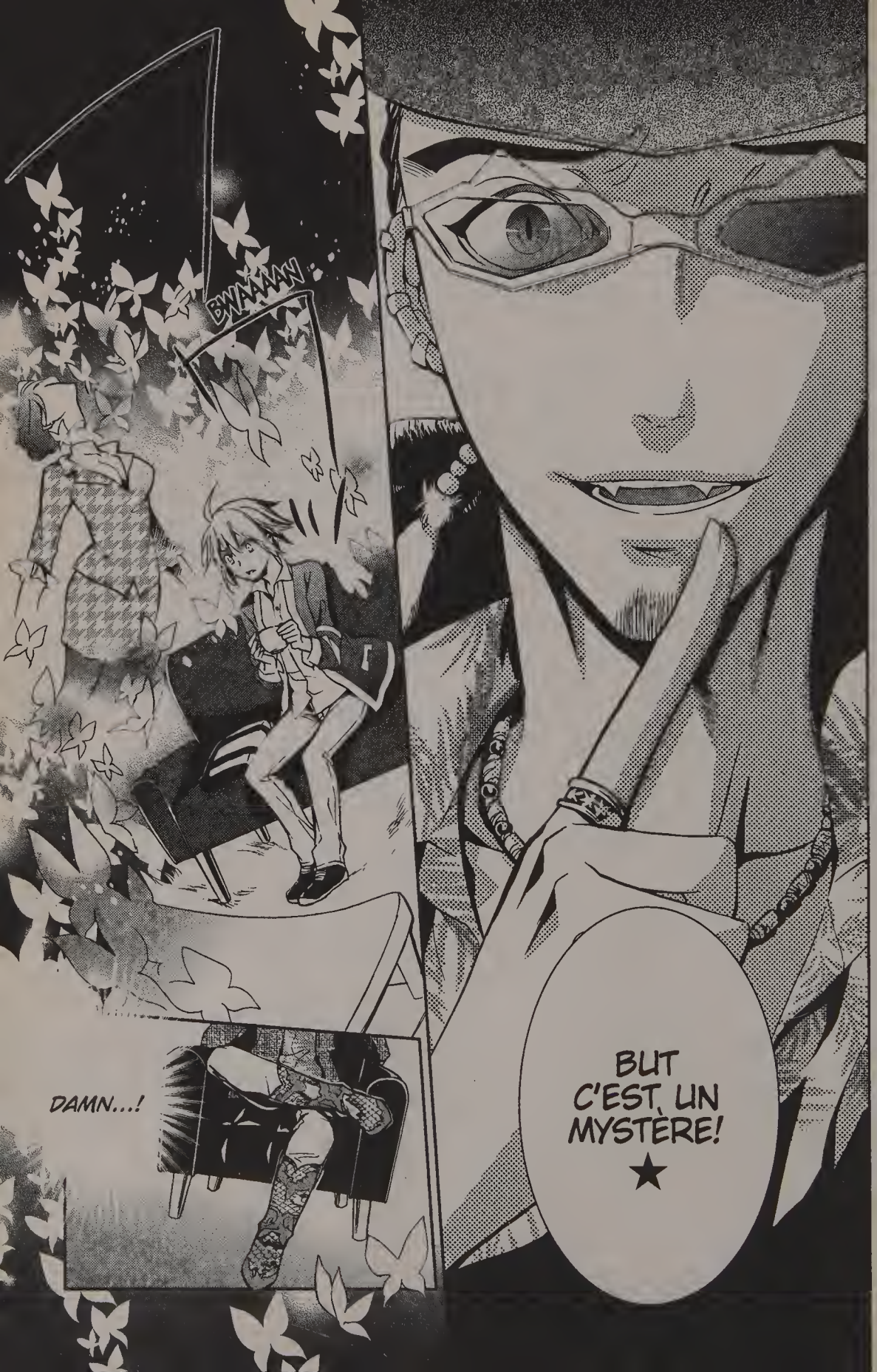
WHAT
ARE
YOU--?



OR
PERHAPS
YOU'VE BEEN
FORCED INTO
THEM, LIKE
WITH THE
TEACUPS?



HOW
MUCH
HAS
YOUR
SERVANT
REALLY
TOLD
YOU?

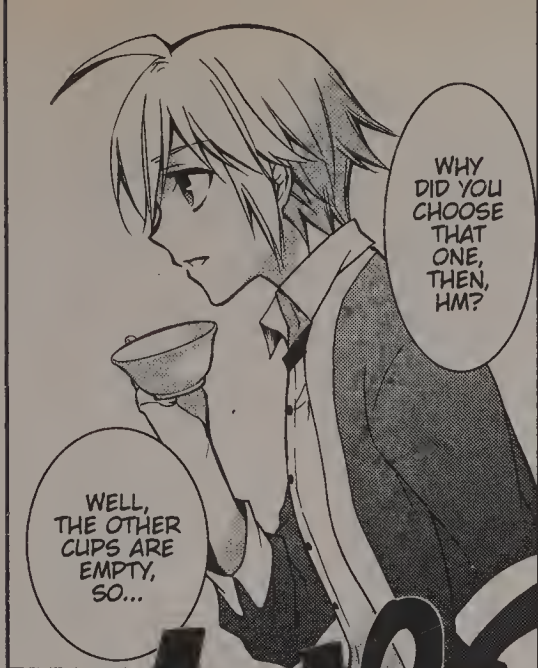


EWAAAAA

DAMN...!

BUT
C'EST, UN
MYSTÈRE!





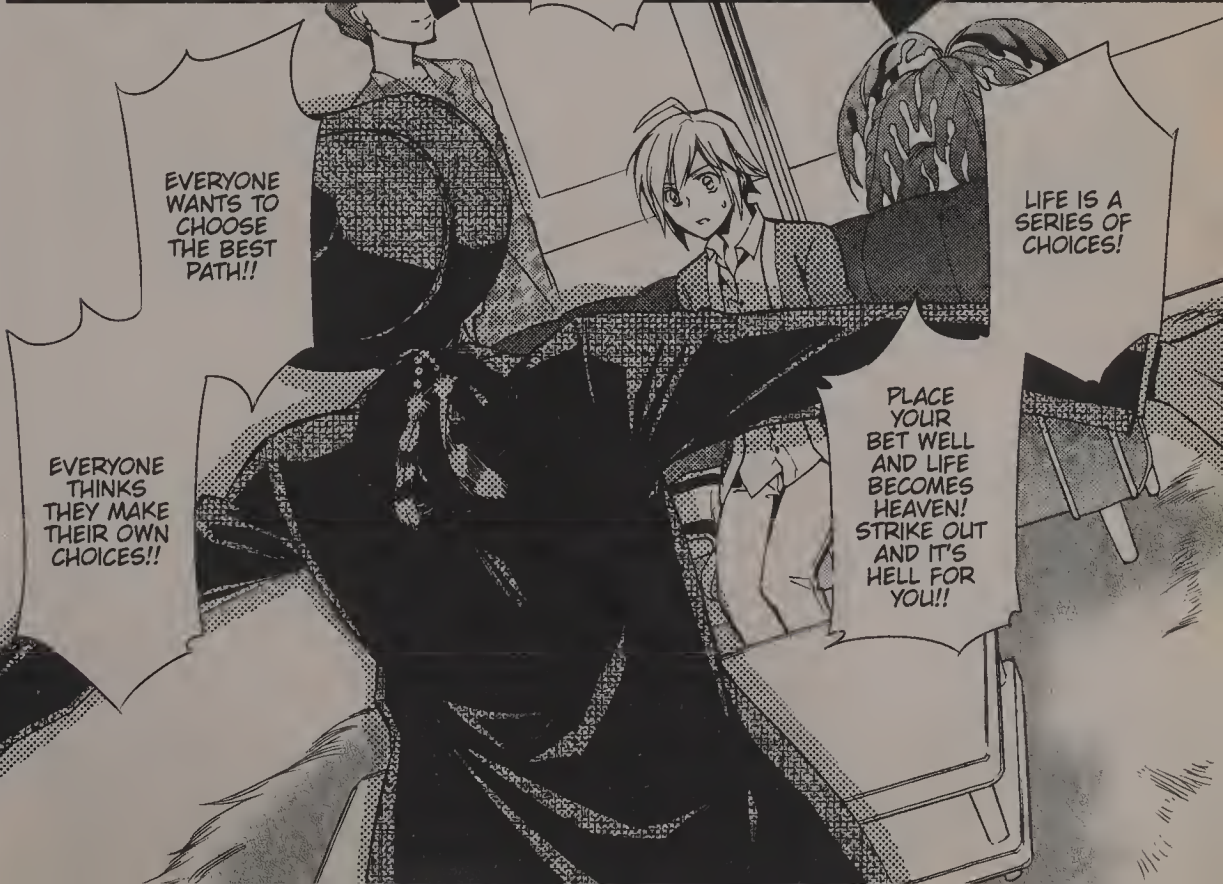
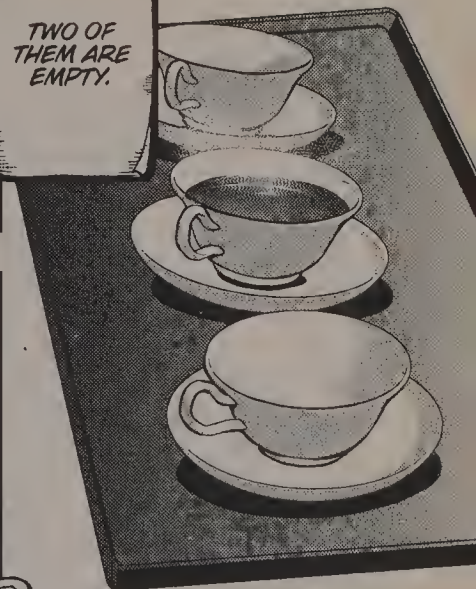
WHY
DID YOU
CHOOSE
THAT
ONE,
THEN,
HM?

WELL,
THE OTHER
CUPS ARE
EMPTY,
SO...



HEH

TWO OF
THEM ARE
EMPTY.

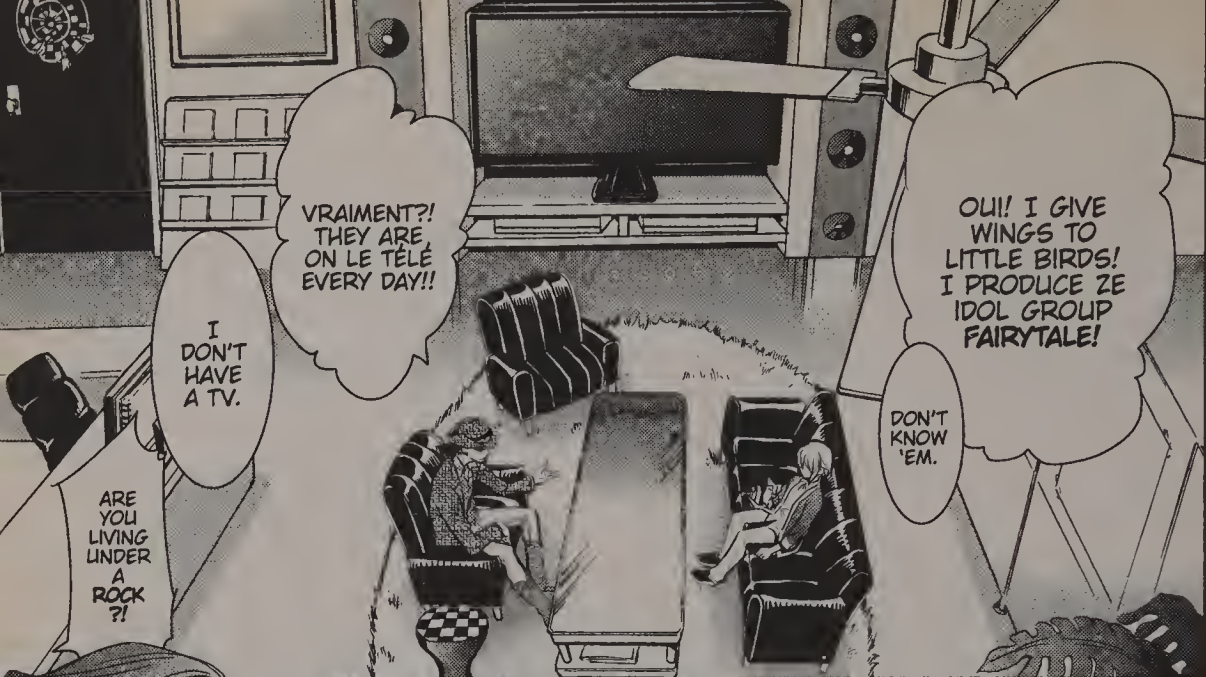


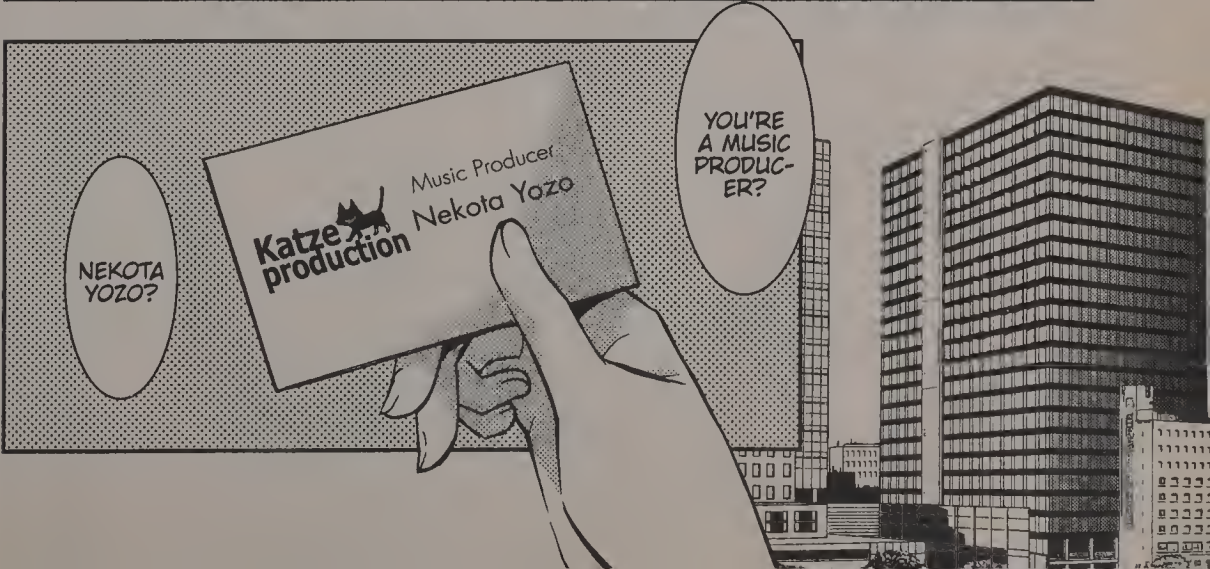
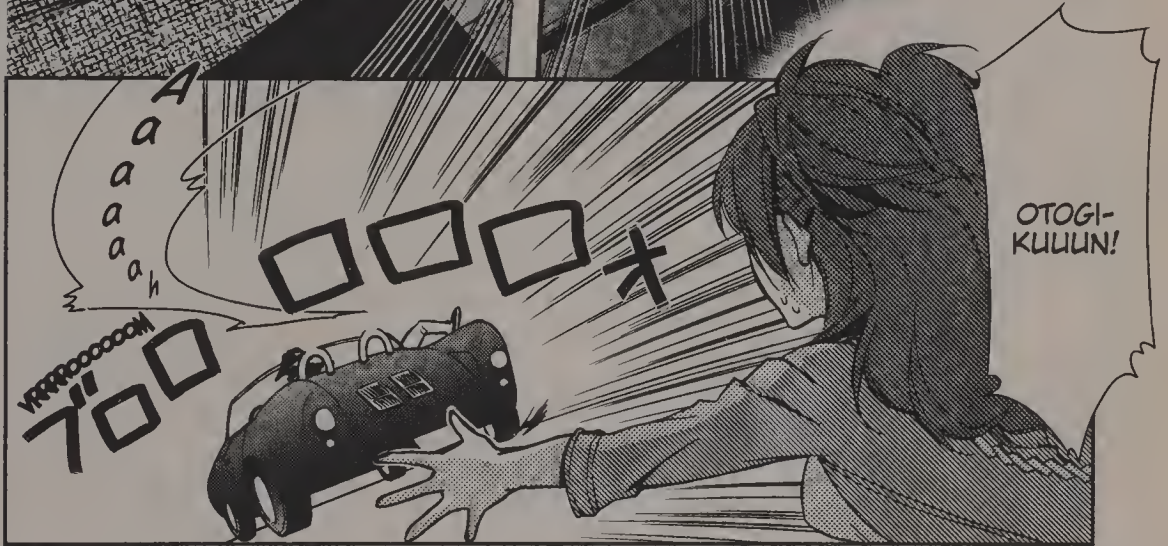
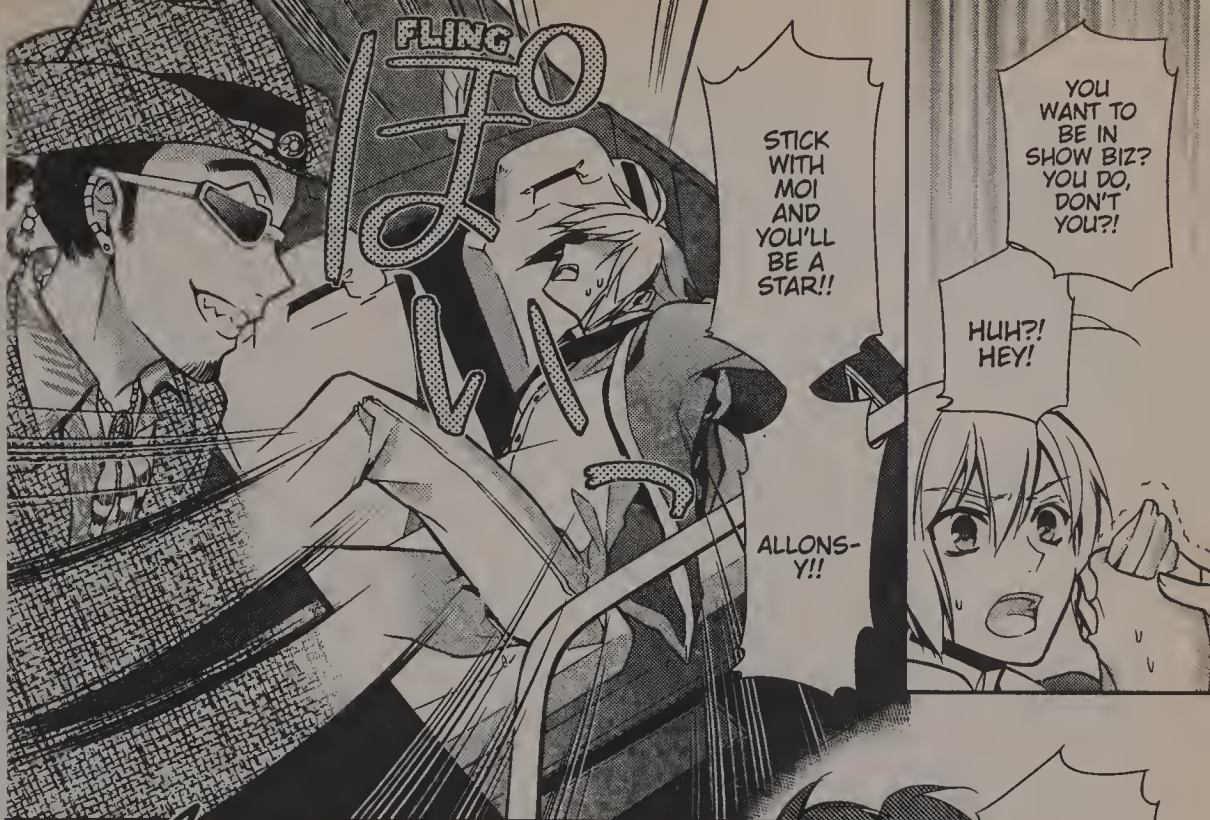
EVERYONE
WANTS TO
CHOOSE
THE BEST
PATH!!

EVERYONE
THINKS
THEY MAKE
THEIR OWN
CHOICES!!

LIFE IS A
SERIES OF
CHOICES!

PLACE
YOUR
BET WELL
AND LIFE
BECOMES
HEAVEN!
STRIKE OUT
AND IT'S
HELL FOR
YOU!!





NEKOTA-SAN! ON YOUR WAY HOME FROM WORK?

NO, NO. STILL WORKING.

WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?

TUK

TUK

OH!

OH OH!

HUH?

YES!

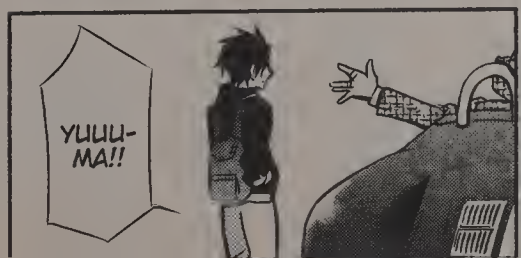
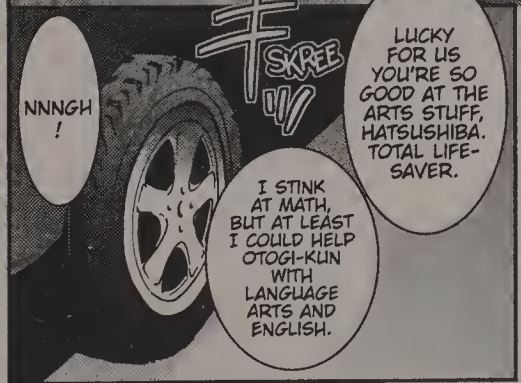
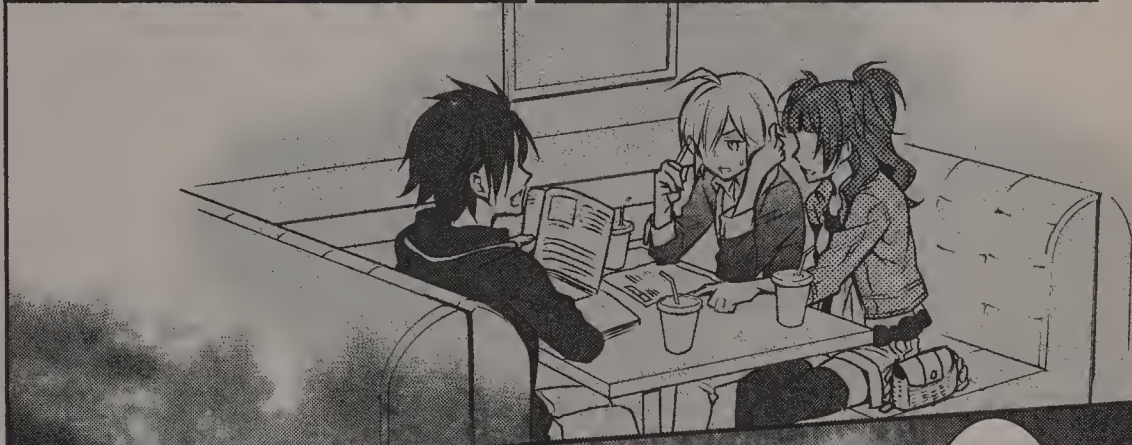
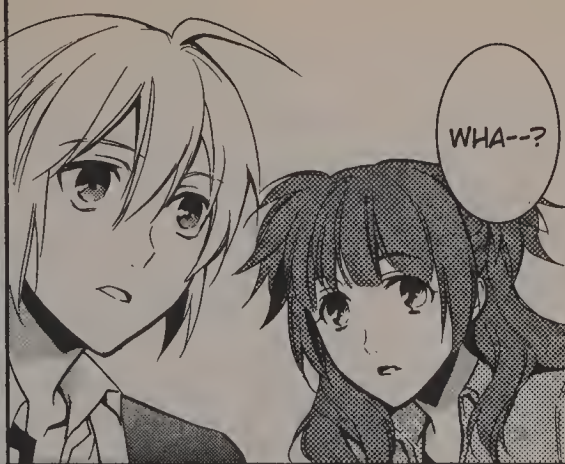
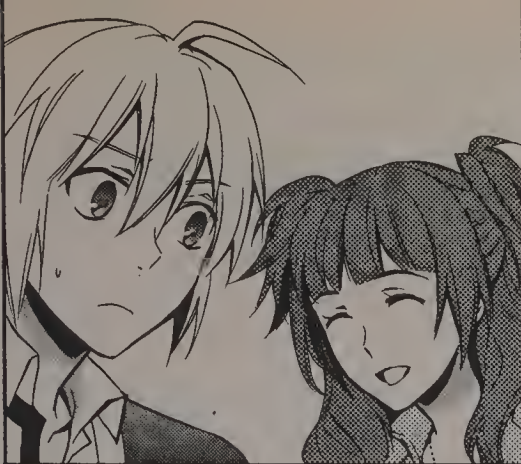
DÉCOL-
VERTE!!
QUEL
JOLI
GARÇON!!

OH.

BUT
YEAH,
DEFINITELY
CREEPY!!

"HE
HANGS
OUT WITH
THIS
CREEPY
OLDER
GUY."

NOT QUITE
WHAT I WAS
PICTURIN'...



OH!
WHO'S
THIS?

HUH.

SHE
WOULDN'T
BE YOUR
GIRLFRIEND,
BY ANY
CHANCE?!

SORI-
MACHI'S
PRETTY
COOL,
HUH?

HE'S A
TRANSFER
STUDENT,
BUT HE'S
GOT FRIENDS
FROM OTHER
SCHOOLS.

PFFFFT

WHICH
ONE?
THE
BLONDE?

SHE'S
A
FRIEND.
THEY
BOTH
ARE.

GRAAAAR

Let
me
at
him!

CHILL
OUT,
OTOGI!

HUH?!
NO
WAY!

DUMB-
ASS!!
I'M A
GLUY!!

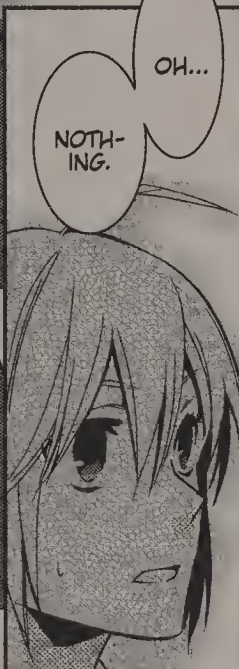


AW, YOU GUYS! IF YOU WANNA SING MY PRAISES, YOU DON'T NEED TO GO THROUGH GRIRIRI. I'LL BE HAPPY TO ACCEPT IN PERSON!



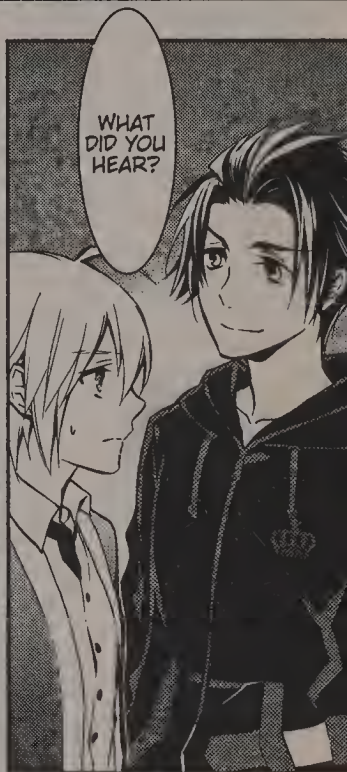
I CAN'T ASK HIM.

I MEAN, THAT'D BE WEIRD.

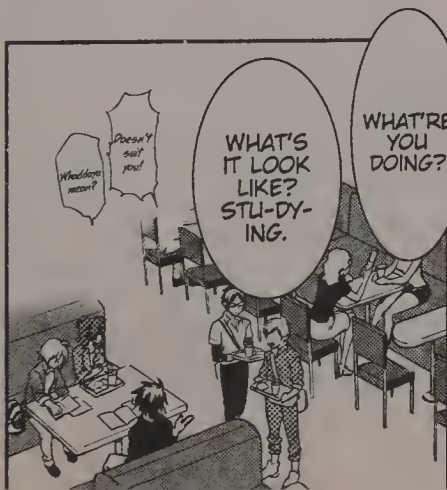


NOTHING.

OH...



WHAT DID YOU HEAR?

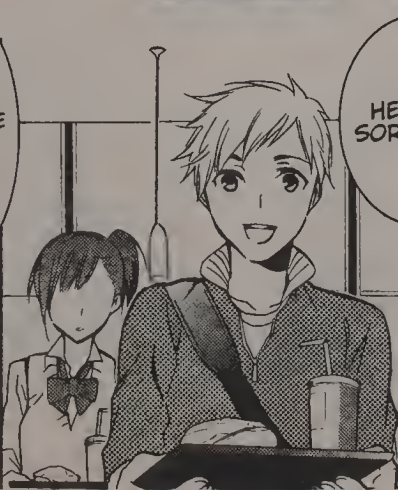


Whaddya mean?

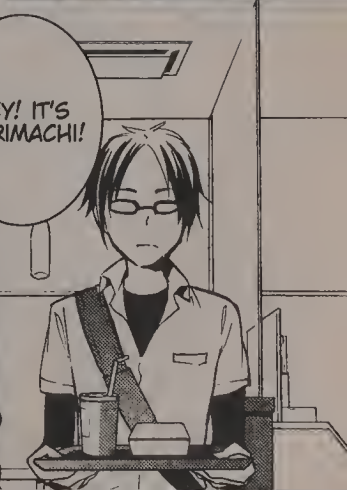
Doesn't suit you!

WHAT'S IT LOOK LIKE? STU-DY-ING.

WHAT'RE YOU DOING?

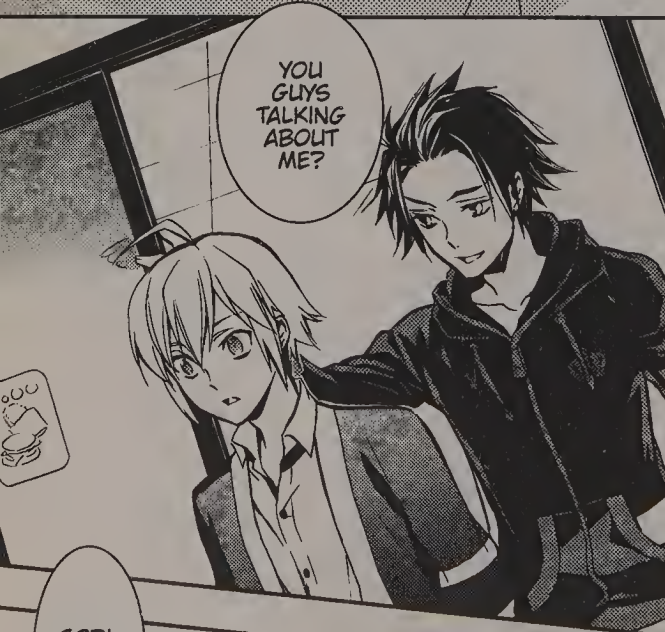


HEY! IT'S SORIMACHI!





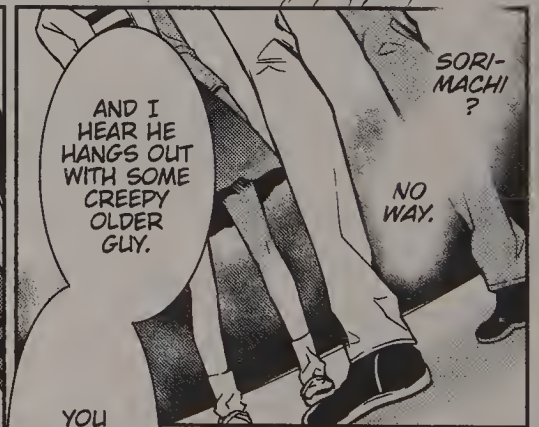
HE
SENT
TEN
PEOPLE
TO THE
HOSPITAL.



YOU
GUYS
TALKING
ABOUT
ME?



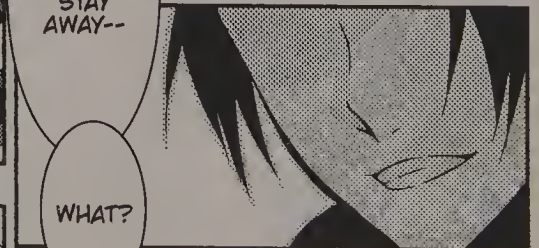
SORI-
MACHI...



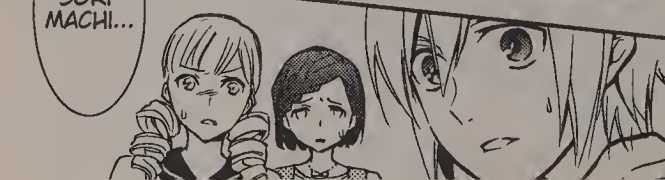
SORI-
MACHI?
NO
WAY.

AND I
HEAR HE
HANGS OUT
WITH SOME
CREEPY
OLDER
GUY.

YOU
SHOULD
STAY
AWAY--



WHAT?



I'M
STUDYIN'
UPSTAIRS
WITH
SORIMACHI.
HATSUSHIBA,
YOU WANNA
JOIN US?

OH...

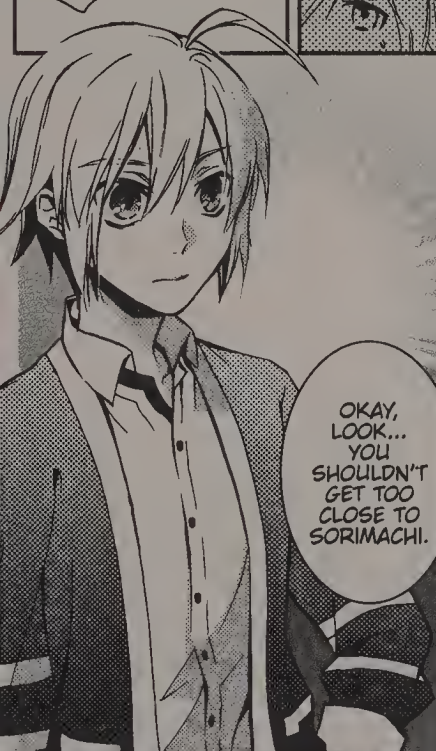
SORI-
MACHI
?!

HEY!
WHAT
ARE
YOU
EVEN
DOING
HERE?!

SOMEHOW,
I THINK WE'RE
NOT QUITE
ON THE SAME
WAVELENGTH.

YUP!
I WON'T
SAY ANY-
THING!!
MY LIPS
ARE
SEALED!!

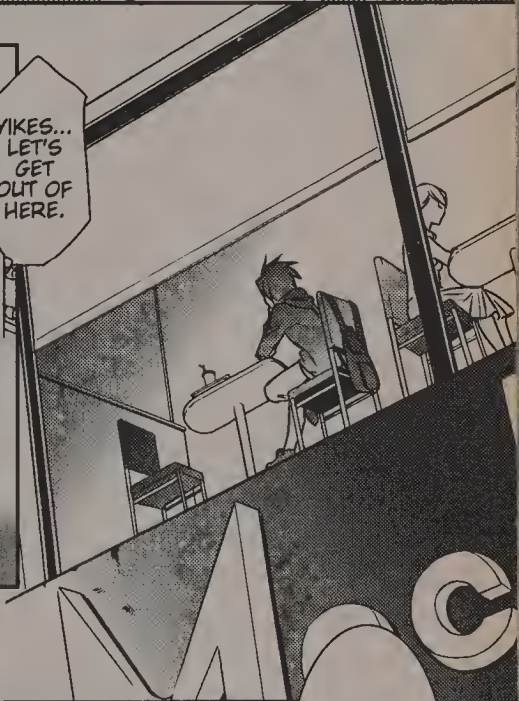
NO
NO
NO



OKAY,
LOOK...
YOU
SHOULDN'T
GET TOO
CLOSE TO
SORIMACHI.

HUH?
WHAT'S
THE BIG
HURRY?

YIKES...
LET'S
GET
OUT OF
HERE.

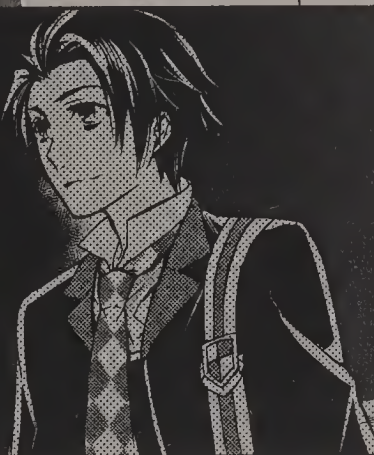


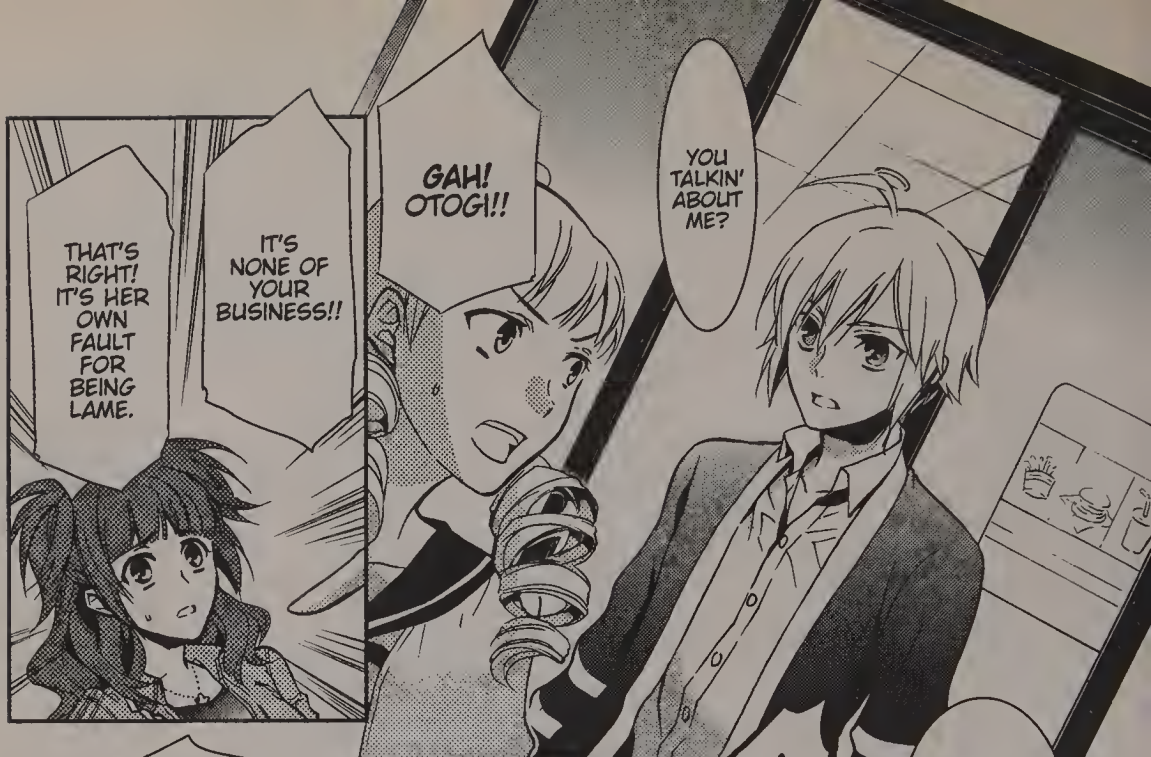
Sorimachi
Yuma

IT'S
JUST A
RUMOR,
BUT THEY
SAY AT
HIS OLD
SCHOOL...

HE'S A
TRANSFER
STUDENT
TOO,
OKAY?

HE
TRANS-
FERRED
IN THE
MIDDLE
OF FIRST
YEAR.





THAT'S RIGHT!
IT'S HER
OWN
FAULT
FOR
BEING
LAME.

IT'S
NONE OF
YOUR
BUSINESS!!

GAH!
OTOGI!!

YOU
TALKIN'
ABOUT
ME?



I'M SORRY!
BUT THE
KICK-ASS
THING IS
REALLY
EMBAR-
RASSING,
SO CAN
WE JUST
KEEP IT
BETWEEN
US?!

SEE,
MY
FAMILY
RUNS
A DOJO
AND I
HAVE A
BLACK
BELT.

BUT
PLEASE,
DON'T
SAY
ANY-
THING!!

WHISPER
WHISPER

...
?!
?!



HATSU-
SHIBA'S
NOT
LAME.

SHE'S
ACTUALLY
PRETTY
KICK-
A--

A
A
A
A
A
H!!

WHAP



WHAT
I SAW...

SURE.

IN
EXCHANGE,
CAN YOU
KEEP QUIET
ABOUT WHAT
YOU SAW
IN THE OLD
SCHOOL
BUILDING?

The
monsters,
the book,
all of it.



WE'RE FRIENDS.

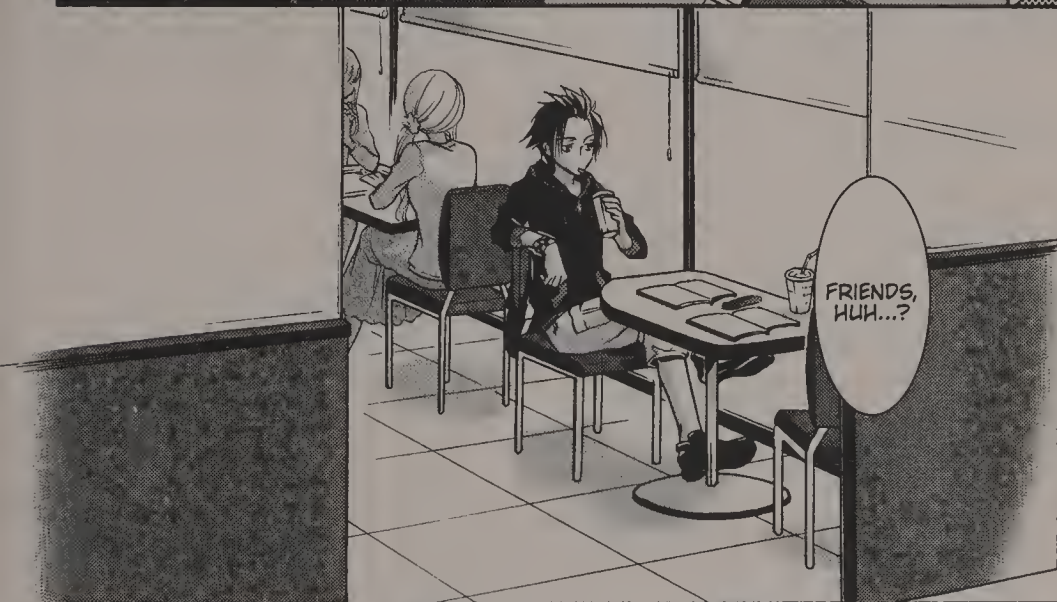
I HEARD YOU.

BUT I CAN'T JUST LEAVE HER.

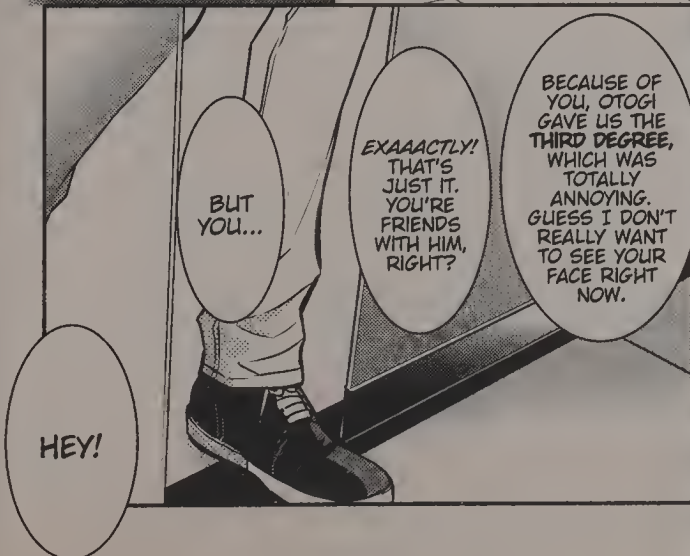
HEY! WERE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ME?!

TUK

TUK



FRIENDS, HUH...?



BUT YOU...

EXAAACTLY! THAT'S JUST IT. YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH HIM, RIGHT?

BECAUSE OF YOU, OTOGI GAVE US THE THIRD DEGREE, WHICH WAS TOTALLY ANNOYING. GUESS I DON'T REALLY WANT TO SEE YOUR FACE RIGHT NOW.

HEY!



OH? DID WE?

MORI-SAN, KIRISHIMA-SAN, WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME TO GO AWAY...?

WE MADE PLANS TO GO SHOPPING TOGETHER TODAY.

Otogi
Grimm

SO I
FIGURED, OH,
THIS GUY'S
DIFFERENT
FROM
EVERYBODY
ELSE.

AND YOU
HAD THE
SNARKIEST
ATTITUDE
I'D EVER
SEEN.

WHEN
YOU FIRST
CAME
HERE, YOU
WOULDN'T
LOOK
ANY-
ONE IN
THE EYE.

IT'S
JUST,
YOU HAVE
A KANSAI
ACCENT,
EVEN
THOUGH
YOU'RE
HALF-
JAPAN-
ESE.

WHAT ON
EARTH
ARE YOU
TALKIN'...

OTOGI?

BUT
THEN
WHEN I
TALKED TO
YOU, I
REALIZED
YOU'RE
PRETTY
AVERAGE.

KLATTER

THOSE
GIRLS
ARE
GONNA--

JUST
LEAVE
THEM.

OH!
HATSU-
SHIBA?

I'M
TELLING YOU,
GOING DOWN
THERE IS NOT
GONNA FIX
ANYTHING.

SHE CHOSE
TO HANG OUT
WITH THEM...
HATSUSHIBA
HAS TO DEAL
WITH THEM
HERSELF.

GOOD GRADES,
GOOD AT SPORTS...

PLUS
I'M IN
A BUNCH
OF CLUBS.
AND I HELP
OUT WITH
OTHER
STUFF.

I PUT MY
NAME IN.
IT'S NOT A
BAD FEELING
TO HAVE
PEOPLE
COUNTING
ON YOU,
YOU KNOW.

HUH?
CLASS
REP?
YOU?
HOW?!

WHAT'S
THAT
SUPPOSED
TO MEAN?
COME ON!

AND AS
LONG AS
YOU STUDY,
ANYONE
CAN DO IT.

Soccer,
basketball,
track!

HERO,
HUH?
THAT'D
BE
COOL.

BUT
YOU
KNOW,
EVERY-
ONE'S
THE HERO
OF THEIR
OWN LIFE,
AREN'T
THEY?

SEIZE
THE DAY,
AND ALL.
GOTTA TRY
EVERY-
THING.

THERE'S
NO WAY
I COULD
DO ALL
THAT.

YOU'VE
GOT SO
MUCH
GOING
ON.

OTOGI...

YOU'RE
PRETTY
AVERAGE,
HUH?

WHAT
D'YOU
MEAN?

WELL,
WHATEVER.
LET'S GET
TO WORK.

*Start with
Math?*

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WHATEVER.
LET'S GET
TO WORK.

*Start with
Math?*

FAMILY... CIRCUMSTANCES.

HMM?

HUH? WHY'D YOU CHANGE SCHOOLS SO MUCH?

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HUH? WHY'D YOU CHANGE SCHOOLS SO MUCH?

HMM?

FAMILY... CIRCUMSTANCES.

HUH? WHY'D YOU CHANGE SCHOOLS SO MUCH?

HMM?

HUH? YOU SERIOUSLY DON'T GET THIS?

WHOA, WHOA... SLOW DOWN! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND A THING YOU'RE SAYING.

EXCUSE ME FOR BEING AN IDIOT!

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I'M CLASS REP, SO IF YOU FLUNK, I LOOK BAD TOO. YOU GOT THAT?

YOU
KNOW, THE
TEACHER'S
GOT HIS
EYE ON
YOU 'CAUSE
YOU'RE
ALWAYS
DITCHING
CLASS.

Ugh...

WAIT,
DOES
THAT
MEANS
YOU'RE
SMART?!

HEY, NO
NEED
TO BE
RUDE.

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EYE ON
YOU 'CAUSE
YOU'RE
ALWAYS
DITCHING
CLASS.

Ugh...

MUCH
MORE
THAN HE
NEEDS
TO BE...

UGH,
THIS
STUFF
HURTS
MY
EYES.

SERI-
OUSLY,
OTOGI-
KUN.

Lang... No. 7
Oto... mm

8

Language Arts Year 2 Class 1 No. 7
Oto... Gramm

21

Class 1 No. 7
mm

15

Fahk the cah in Hahrad Yahd.
You can't get they-
he rain in Hahrad stays
me plain, slowly, y'all
? soon, people like,
ag me with soon.
er gobt
ave a

AN' I
NEVER
REALLY
GOT MUCH
OUTTA
CLASS TO
BEGIN
WITH.

WE
MOVED
AROUND
ALL THE
TIME,
I WAS
ALWAYS
CHANGIN'
SCHOOLS.

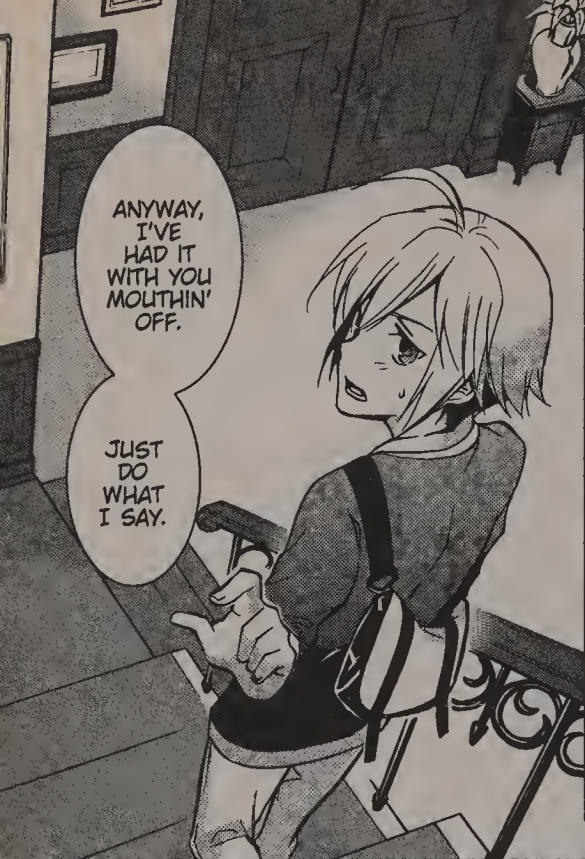
↑
Didn't
understand
the dialects.

SHUT UP!
I WAS BORN
AN' RAISED
IN JAPAN. I
DON'T KNOW
THE FIRST
THING 'BOUT
OTHER LAN-
GUAGES.

HEY,
AREN'T
YOU SUP-
POSED TO
BE BI-
RACIAL?!

ESPECIAL-
LY
ENGLISH.
WHAT
IS
THIS?

SLAM

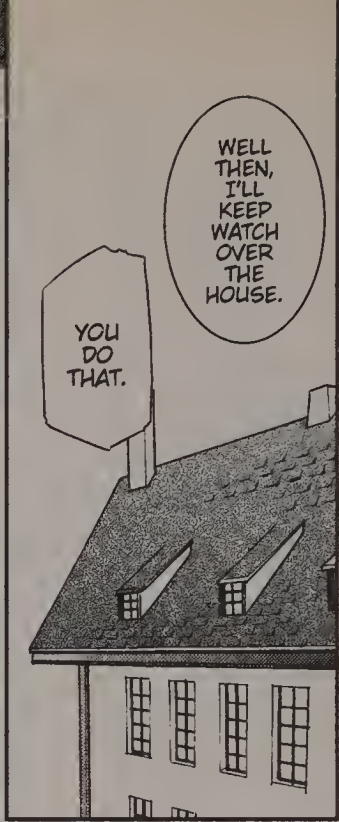


ANYWAY,
I'VE
HAD IT
WITH YOU
MOUTHIN'
OFF.

JUST
DO
WHAT
I SAY.

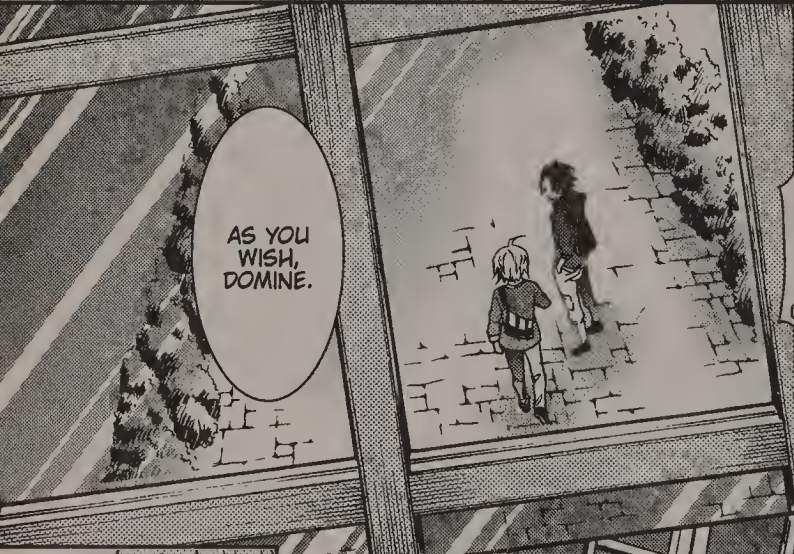


IT'S
S'POSED
TO RAIN
TONIGHT.



YOU
DO
THAT.

WELL
THEN,
I'LL
KEEP
WATCH
OVER
THE
HOUSE.



AS YOU
WISH,
DOMINE.

JUST
KEEP
QUIET.

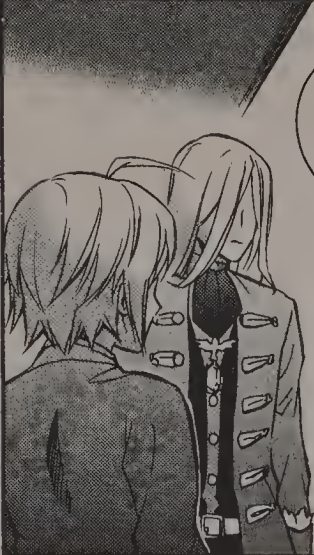
GOT
IT?

YOU'RE
SO KIND.



HE'S
SO
KIND.

TUNK



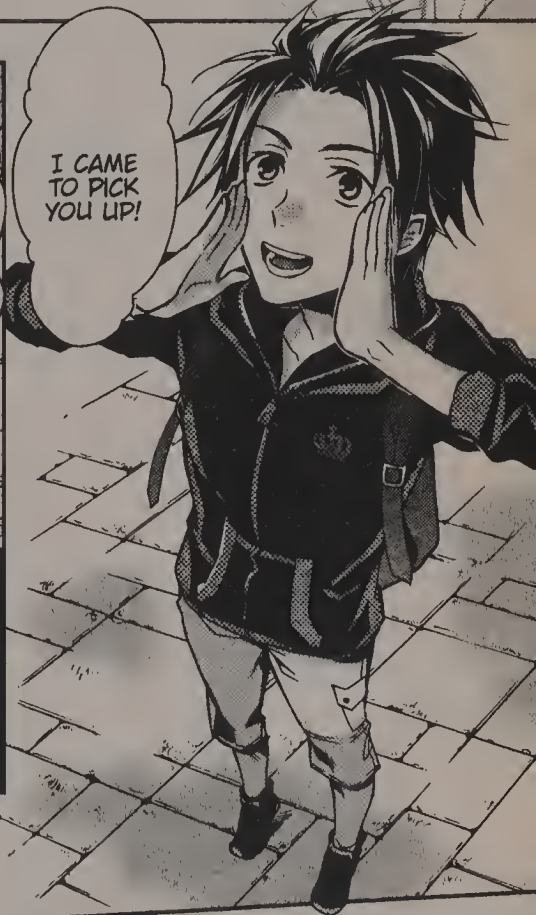
OTOGI-
KUUUN!

WHY
WAS
HE
MAD?



WOW,
THIS
IS ONE
SERIOUSLY
HUGE
HAUNTED
HOUSE!

SHUT UP!
DON'T
CALL MY
HOUSE
HAUNTED!

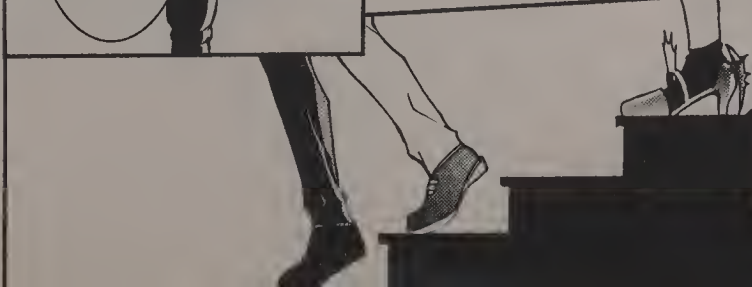


I CAME
TO PICK
YOU UP!



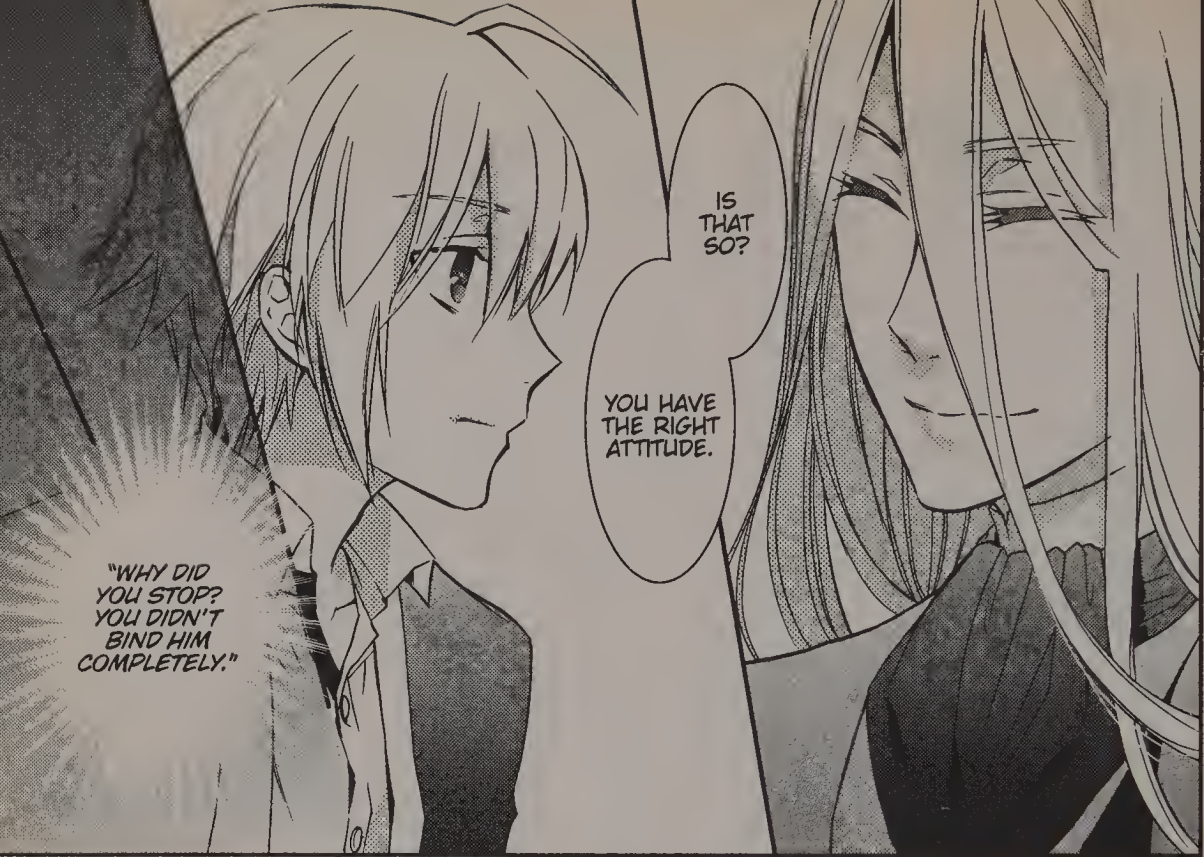
I TOLD
YOU, NO.
WE HAVE A
TEST COMIN'
UP--WE'RE
STUDYIN'.

RUNNING
OFF TO
PLAY?



NO
THANKS.
THAT'D
BE TOO
WEIRD.

THEN
I'LL
GUARD
YOU.



"WHY DID YOU STOP?
YOU DIDN'T BIND HIM
COMPLETELY."

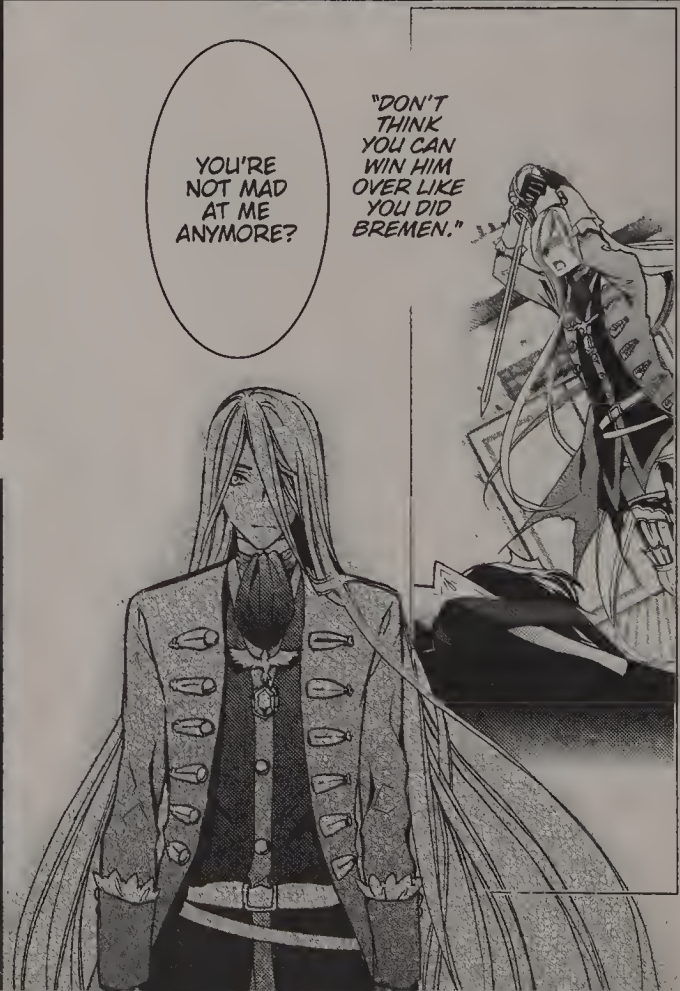
IS
THAT
SO?

YOU HAVE
THE RIGHT
ATTITUDE.



MAD?
ME?

WHY
WOULD
I BE?



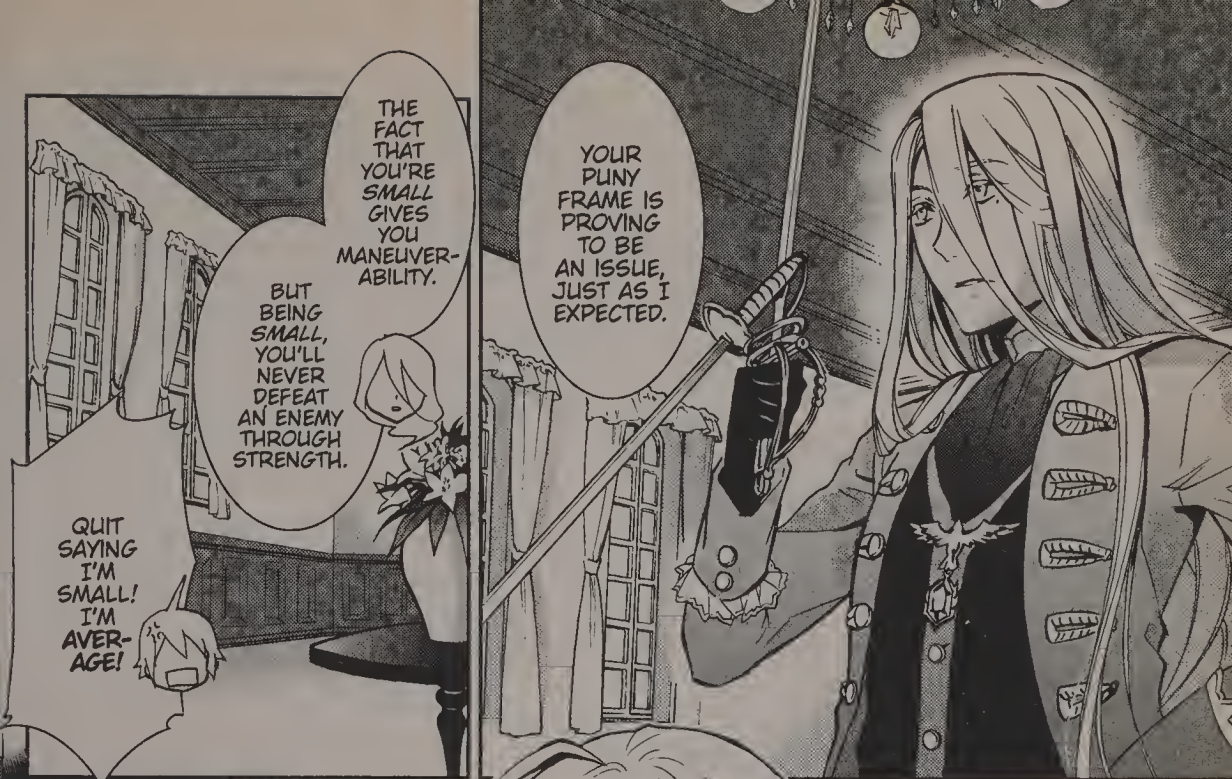
YOU'RE
NOT MAD
AT ME
ANYMORE?

"DON'T
THINK
YOU CAN
WIN HIM
OVER LIKE
YOU DID
BREMEN."



WHY?

HUH...



QUIT SAYING I'M SMALL! I'M AVERAGE!

BUT BEING SMALL, YOU'LL NEVER DEFEAT AN ENEMY THROUGH STRENGTH.

THE FACT THAT YOU'RE SMALL GIVES YOU MANEUVERABILITY.

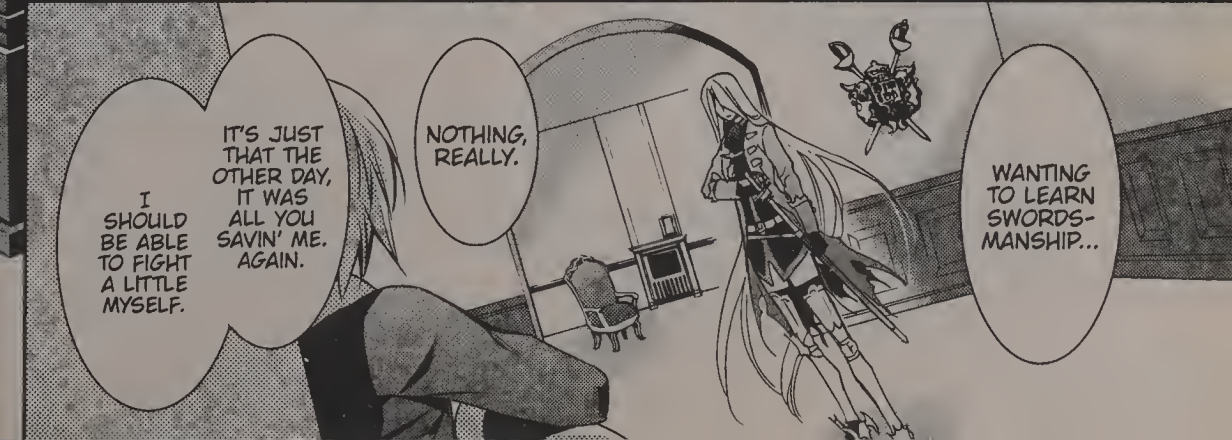
YOUR PUNY FRAME IS PROVING TO BE AN ISSUE, JUST AS I EXPECTED.

BUT REALLY, WHY THIS SUDDEN REQUEST?

IF YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR MANEUVERABILITY AND BREAK PAST YOUR OPPONENT'S REACH, YOU MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE OF PREVAILING.

A SNEAK ATTACK OF SORTS.

Correct for your small size.

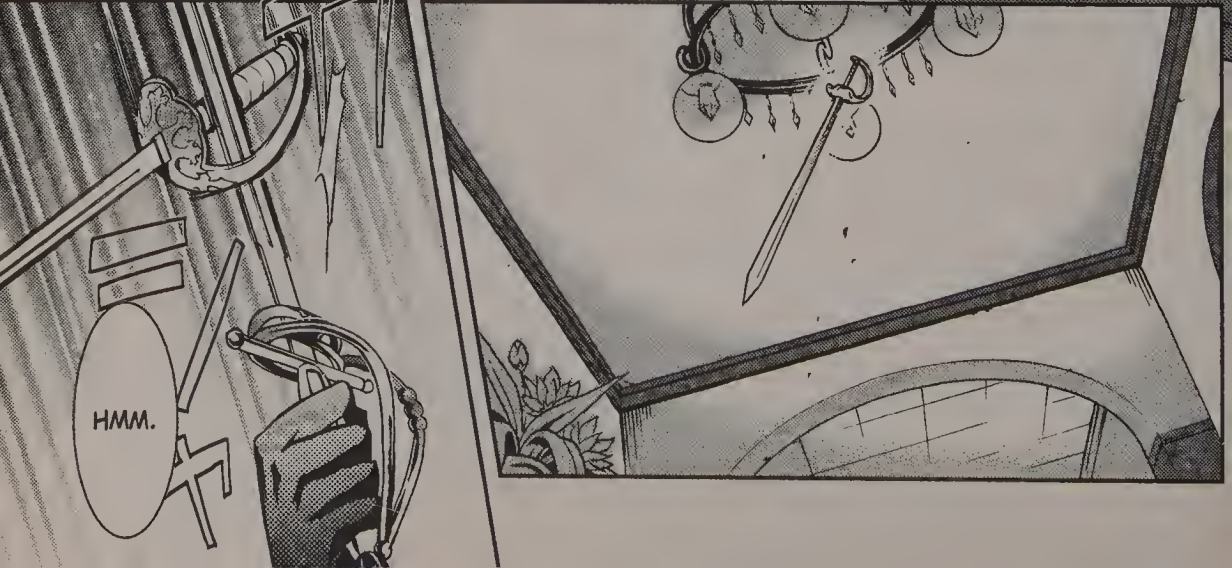


I SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIGHT A LITTLE MYSELF.

IT'S JUST THAT THE OTHER DAY, IT WAS ALL YOU SAVIN' ME. AGAIN.

NOTHING, REALLY.

WANTING TO LEARN SWORDSMANSHIP...

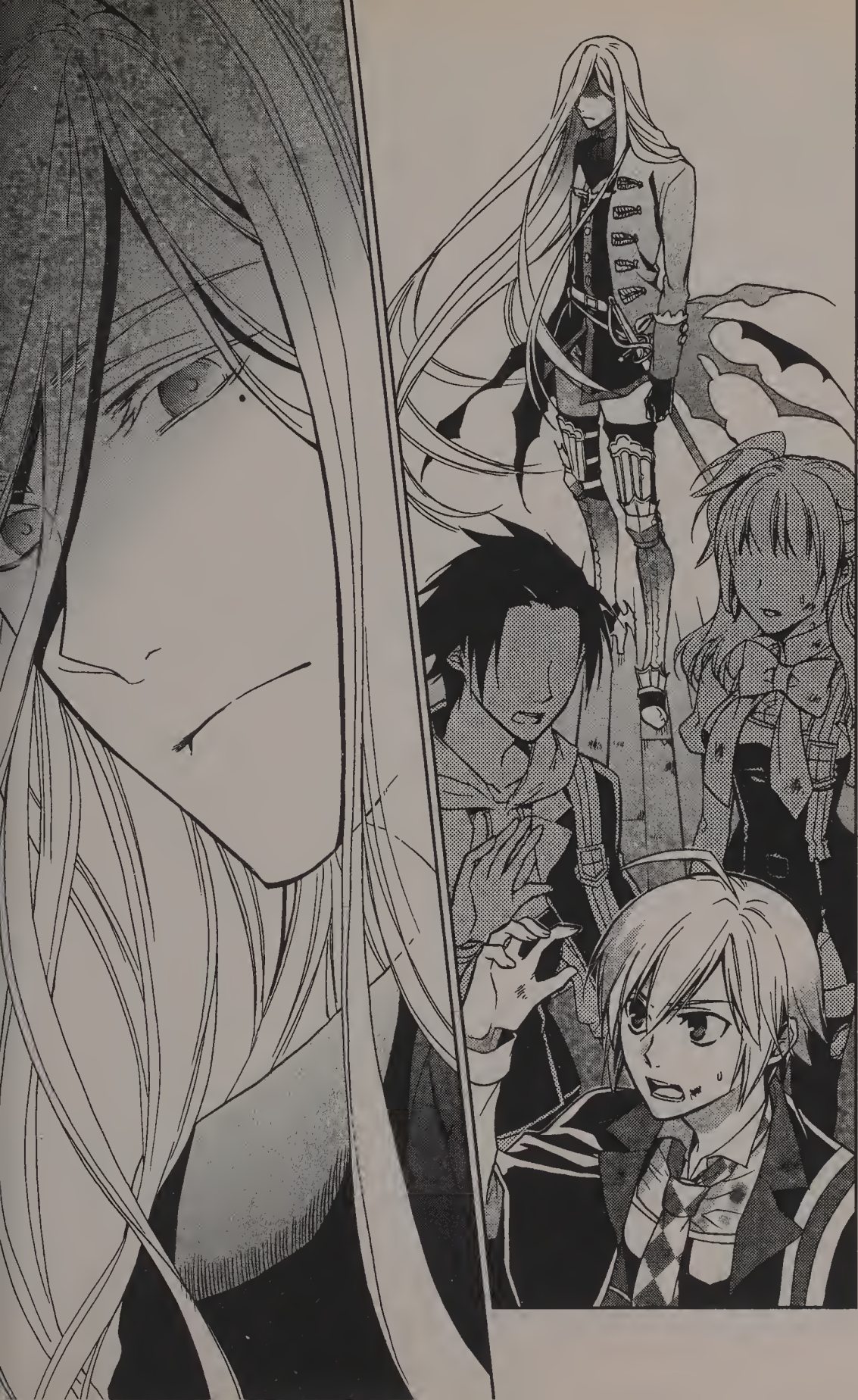


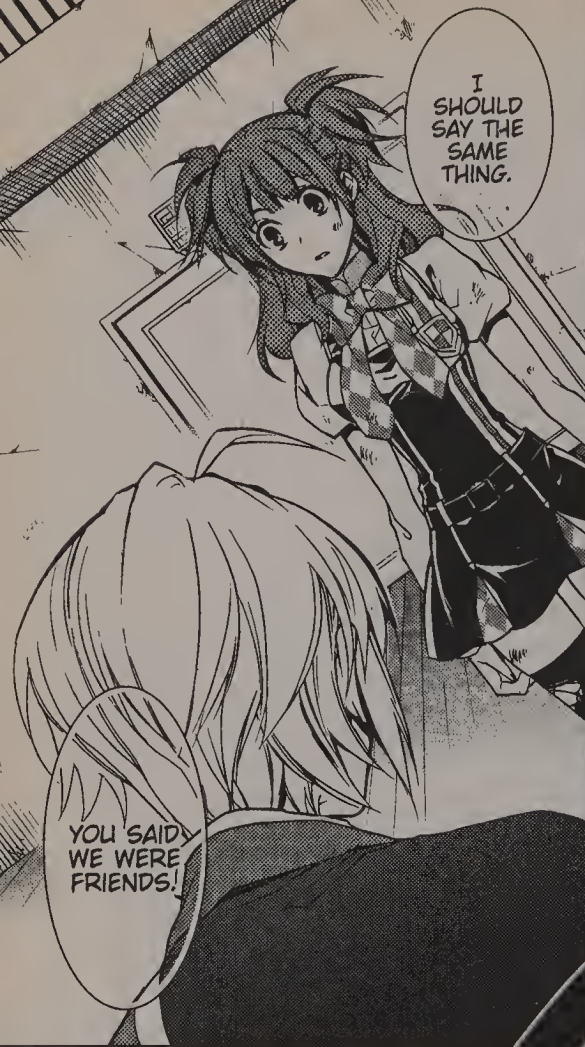
独裁 *Dictatorial Grimoire*





Dictatorial Grimoire





I SHOULD SAY THE SAME THING.

YOU SAID WE WERE FRIENDS!



OH.

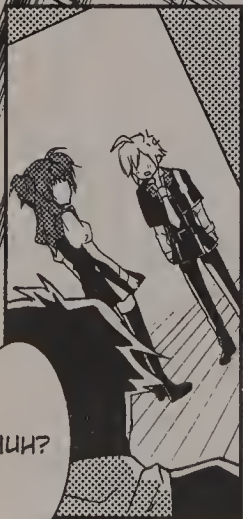
UH, HATSU-SHIBA...



THA--

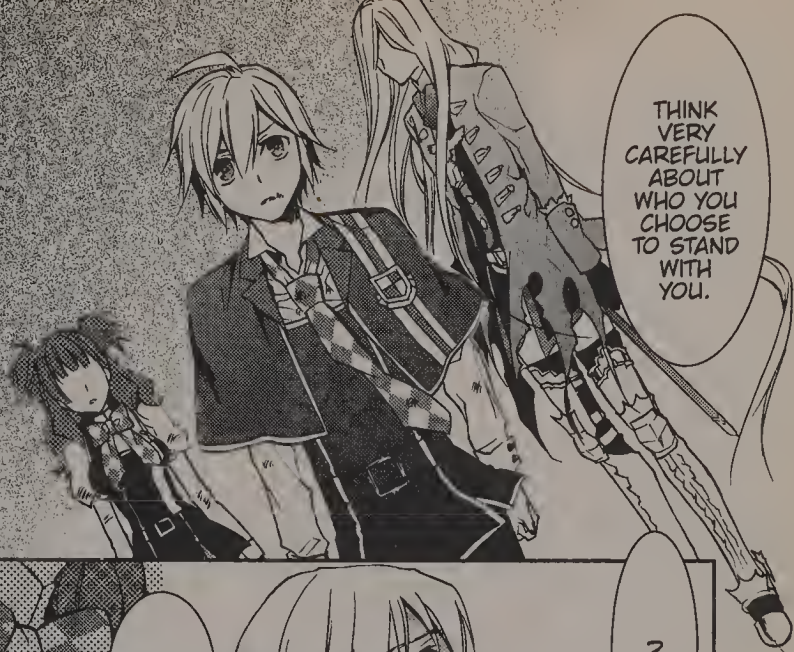
THERE YOU ARE!!

I'VE BEEN WORRIED SICK ABOUT YOU, AND ALL THIS TIME, YOU'VE BEEN PLAYING HOOKY IN THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING! I WANNA JOIN YOU!!



HUH?

BAM



THINK
VERY
CAREFULLY
ABOUT
WHO YOU
CHOOSE
TO STAND
WITH
YOU.



OTOGI-
KUN?

?

THANKS
FOR
SAVING
ME...
OKAY?

UM, I
MEANT...

NO,
NO! I
SHOULDN'T
HAVE LET
HIM CATCH
ME LIKE
THAT!

HATSU-
SHIBA...
LOOK,
I'M
SORRY.

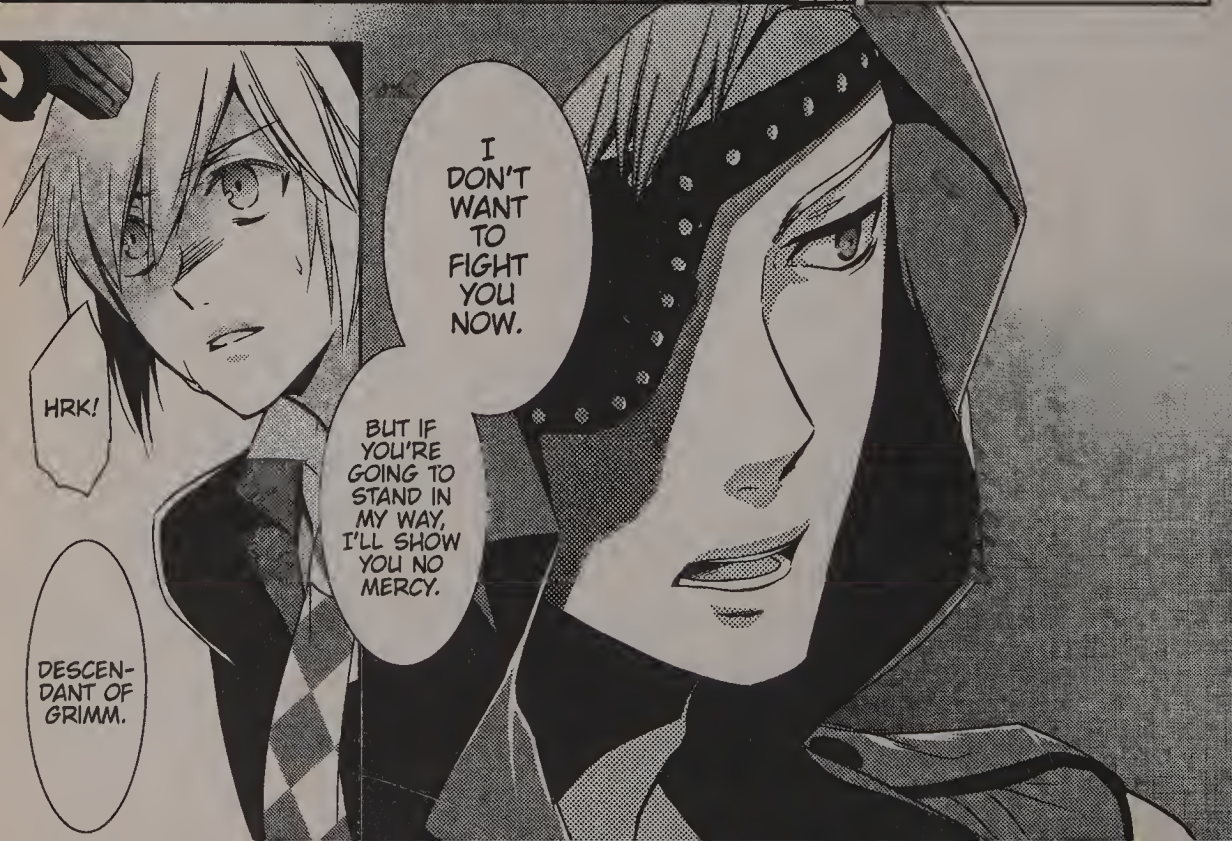
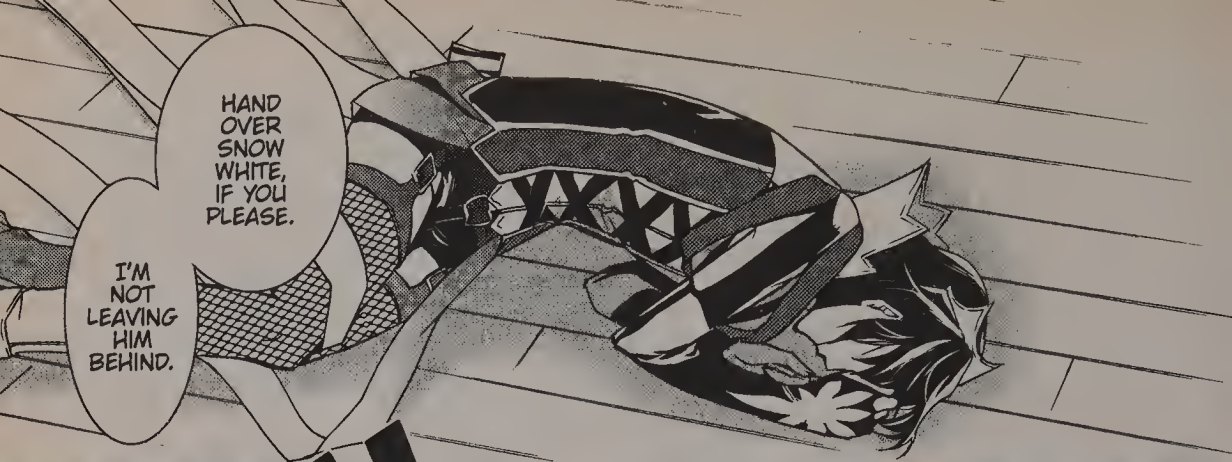
I WASN'T
PLANNIN'
FOR YOU
TO GET
DRAGGED
INTO THIS.

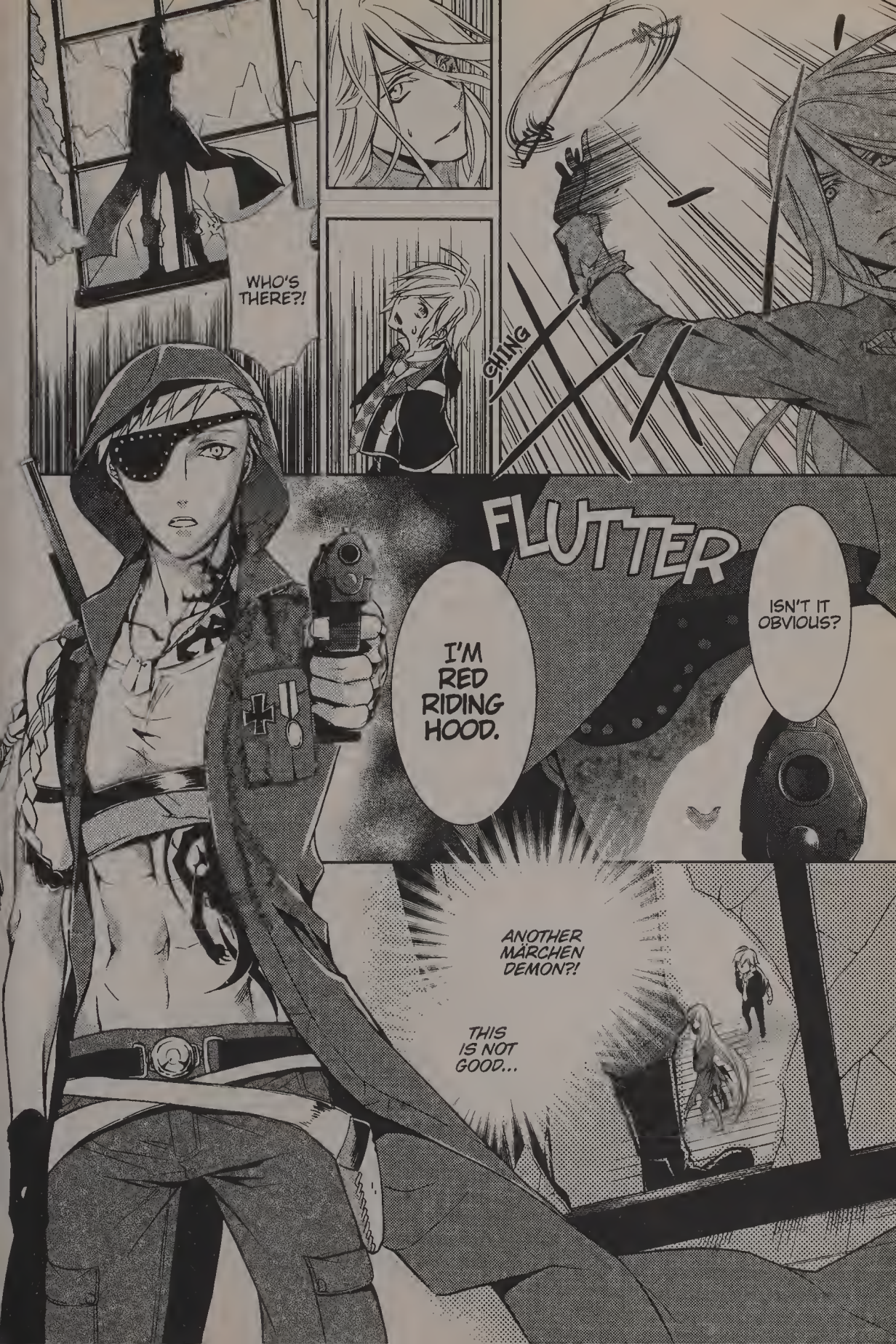


I DIDN'T
REALIZE
WHAT HE
WAS.

I'M
SO--

OOPS!





WHO'S
THERE?!

CHING

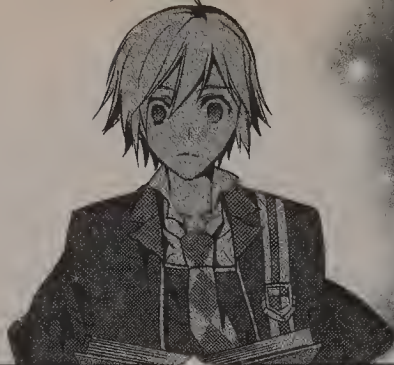
FLUTTER

I'M
RED
RIDING
HOOD.

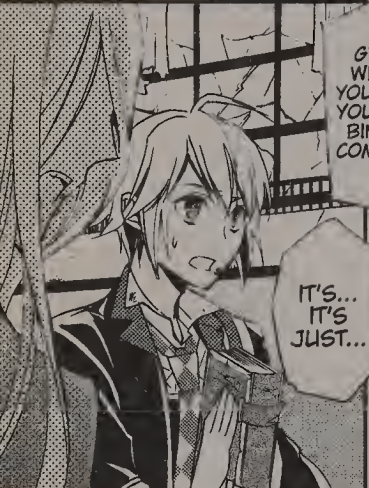
ISN'T IT
OBVIOUS?

ANOTHER
MÄRCHEN
DEMON?!

THIS
IS NOT
GOOD...

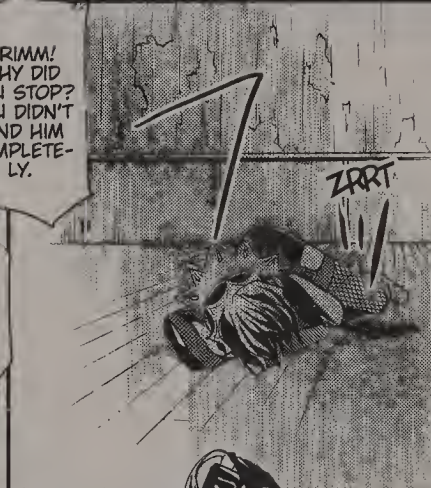


MOTH-
ER...

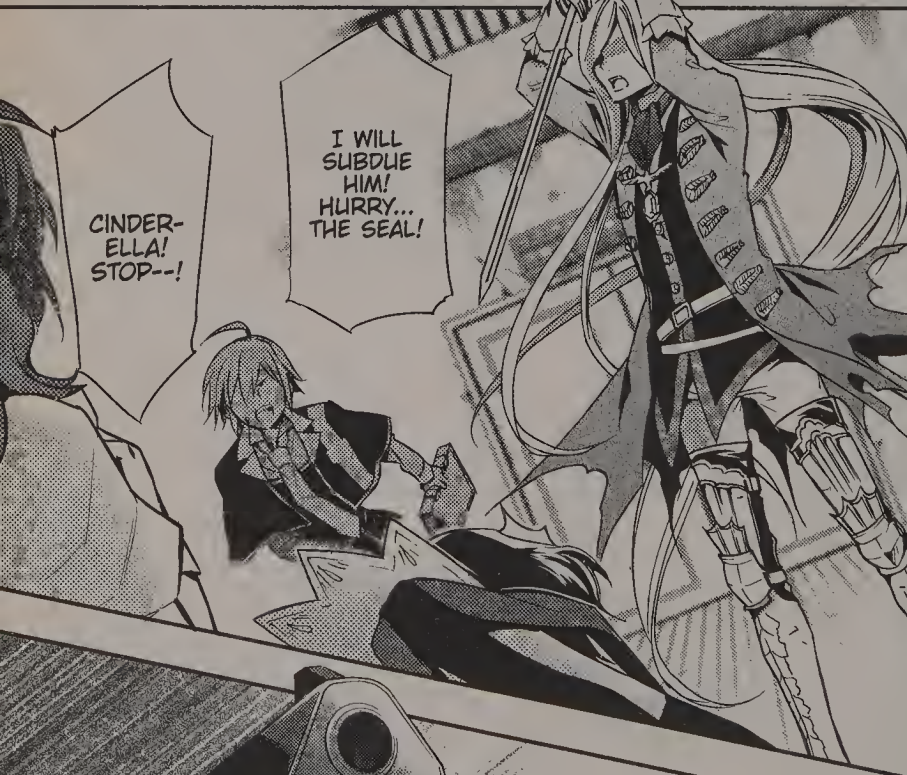
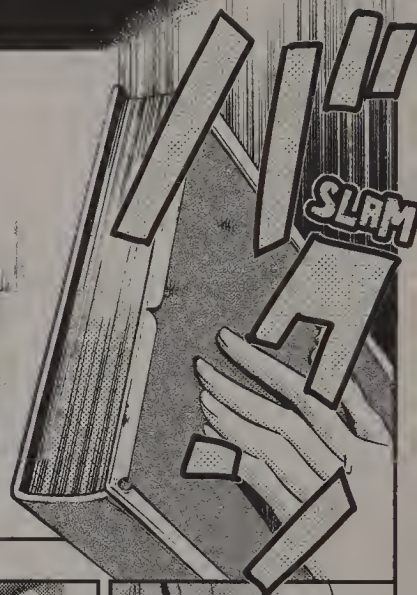


GRIMM!
WHY DID
YOU STOP?
YOU DIDN'T
BIND HIM
COMPLETE-
LY.

IT'S...
IT'S
JUST...

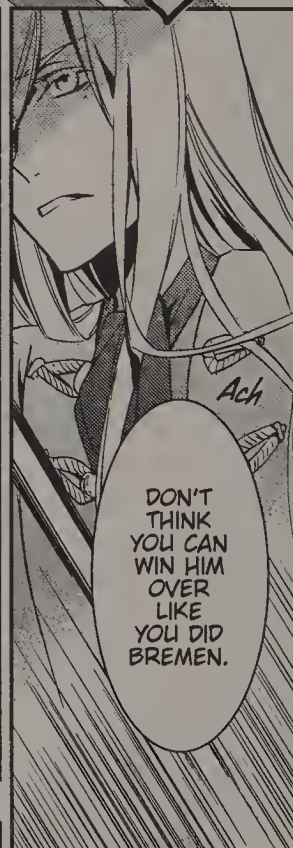


ZRTT



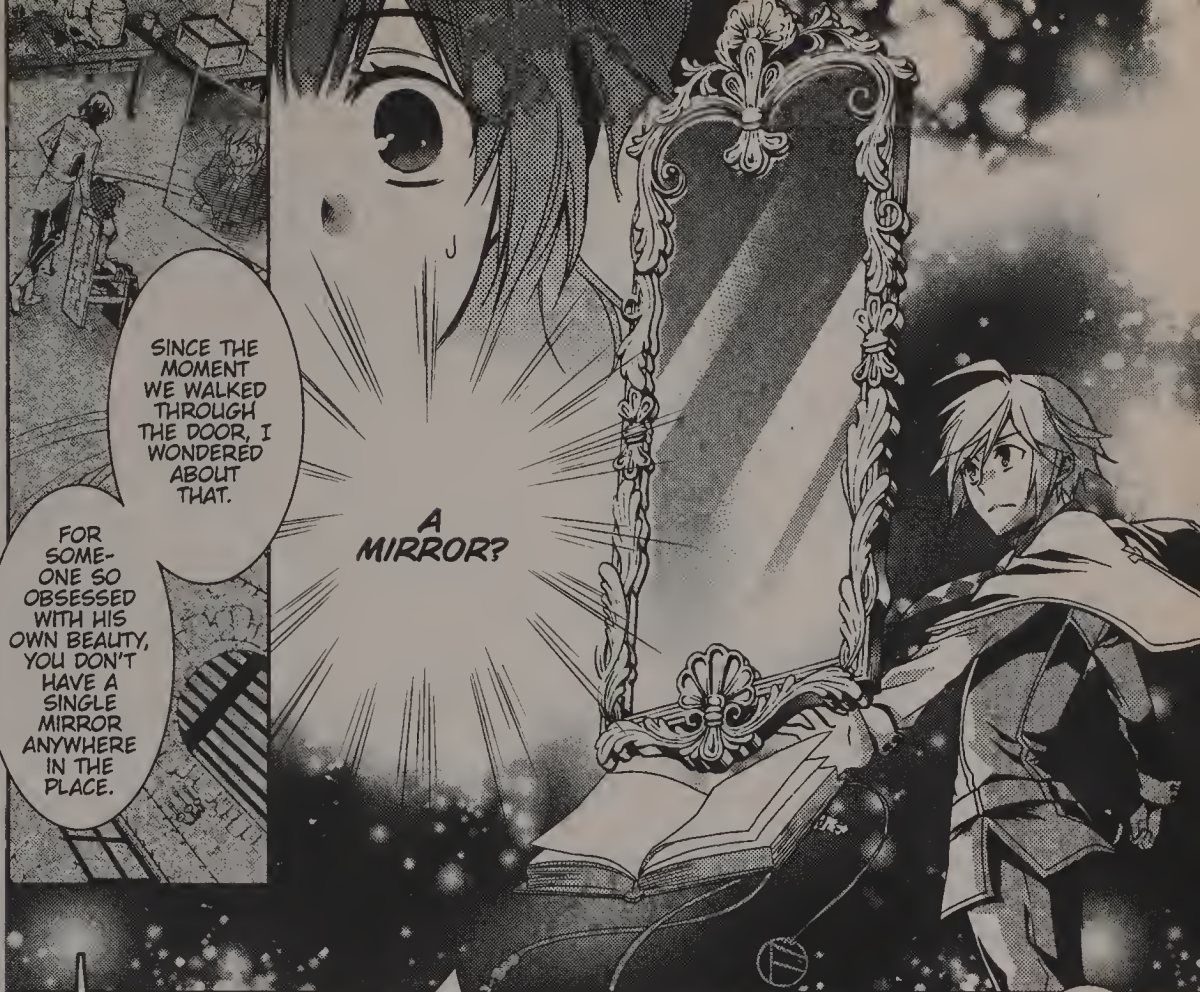
CINDER-
ELLA!
STOP--!

I WILL
SUBDUE
HIM!
HURRY...
THE SEAL!



Ach

DON'T
THINK
YOU CAN
WIN HIM
OVER
LIKE
YOU DID
BREMEN.



SINCE THE
MOMENT
WE WALKED
THROUGH
THE DOOR, I
WONDERED
ABOUT
THAT.

FOR
SOME-
ONE SO
OBSESSED
WITH HIS
OWN BEAUTY,
YOU DON'T
HAVE A
SINGLE
MIRROR
ANYWHERE
IN THE
PLACE.

A
MIRROR?



Y-
YOU'RE
LYING!!

THAT'S
NOT ME!!
I'M NOT
UGLY!!

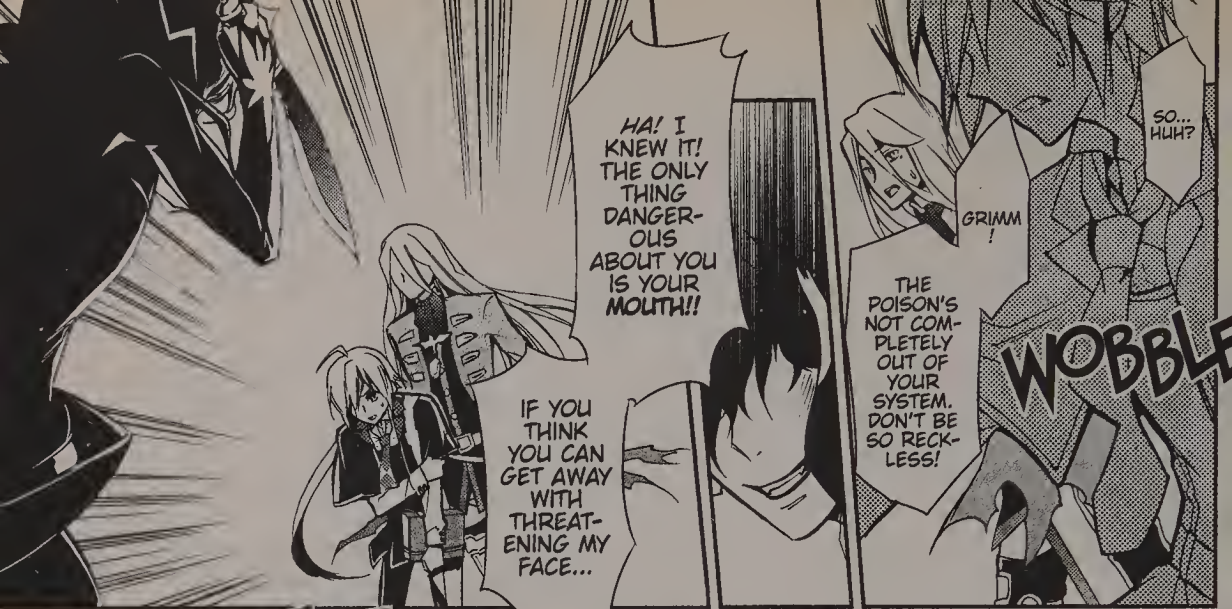


STOP!!
HAVE
MERCY!
I'M
SORRY!
I'M
SORRY!!

AAAAAAH!

YOU
AFRAID
YOU'D
SEE
YOUR
REAL
FACE?





HA! I
KNEW IT!
THE ONLY
THING
DANGER-
OUS
ABOUT YOU
IS YOUR
MOUTH!!

IF YOU
THINK
YOU CAN
GET AWAY
WITH
THREAT-
ENING MY
FACE...

GRIMM
!

THE
POISON'S
NOT COM-
PLETELY
OUT OF
YOUR
SYSTEM.
DON'T BE
SO RECK-
LESS!

SO...
HUH?

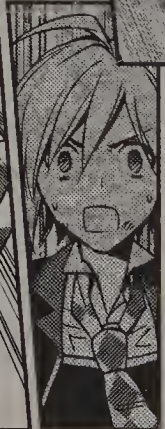
WOBBLE



SLAM

YOU'RE
--!

H A A A E E E Y A H !





YOU'RE
THE ONE
WHO'S NOT
GETTIN'
AWAY WITH
ANYTHING!

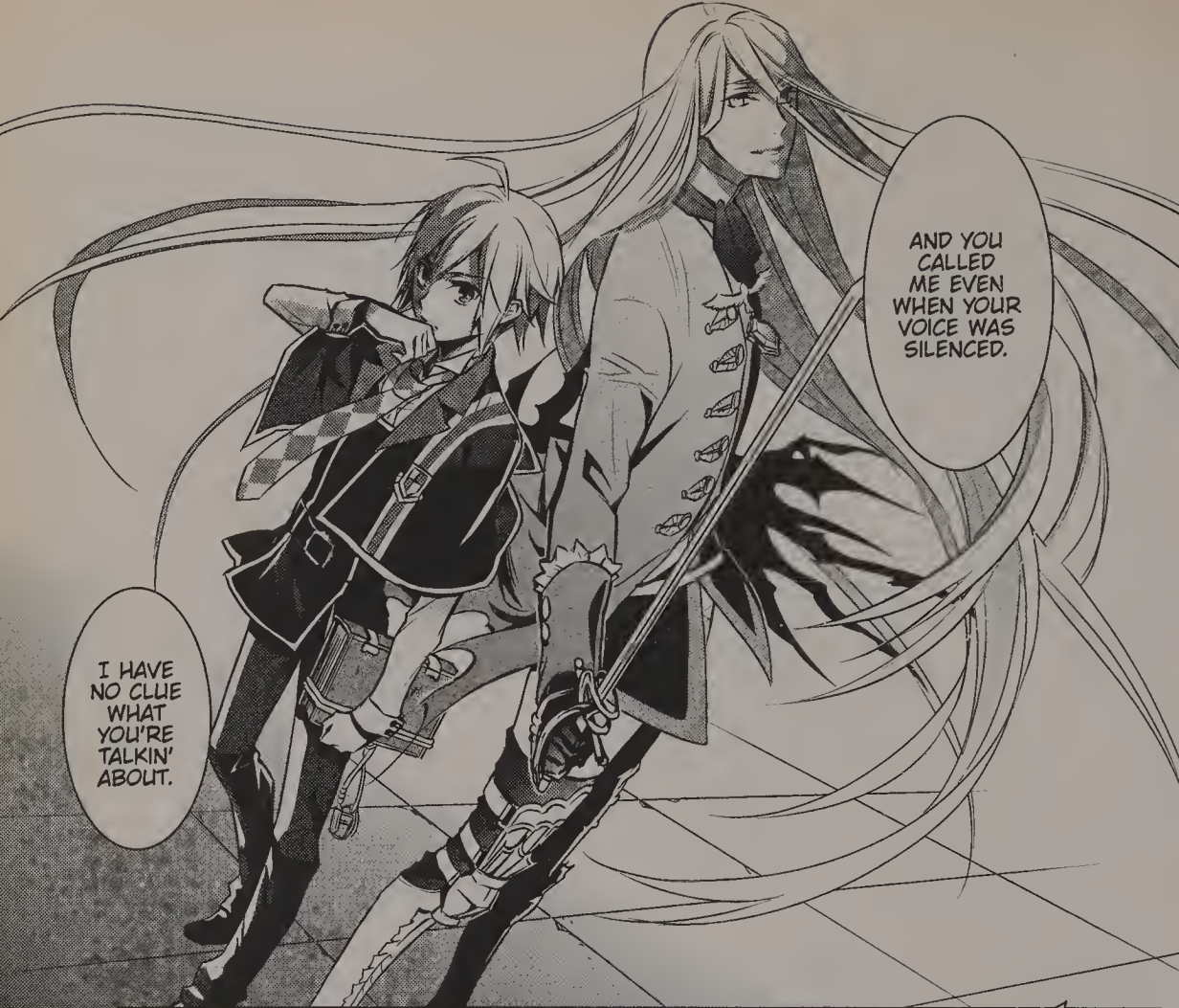
BAM

YOU THINK
YOU CAN DO
WHATEVER
YOU WANT!



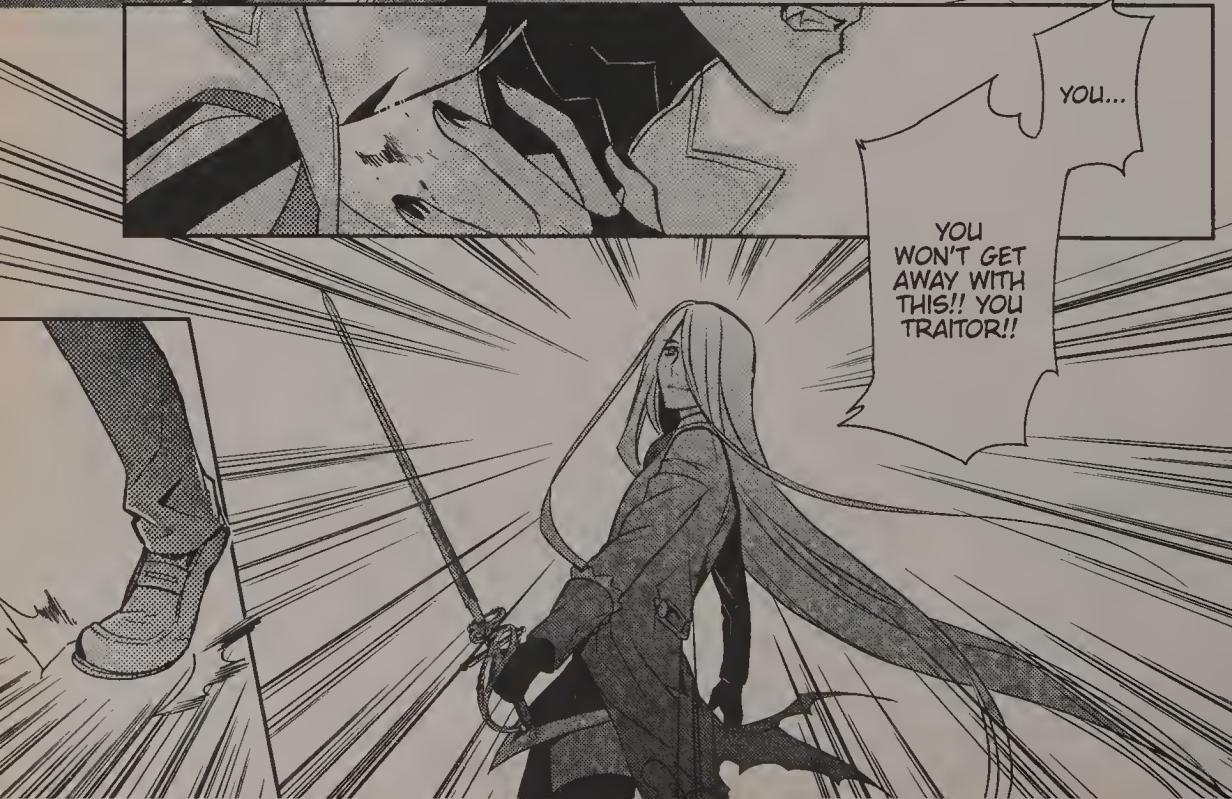
I HATE
GUYS LIKE
YOU, WHO
THINK THEY
CAN WALK
ALL OVER
ME!!

STAND
UP! I'M
GOING TO
SMASH IN
THAT FACE
YOU'RE SO
PROUD OF,
JUST LIKE I
PROMISED!!



I HAVE
NO CLUE
WHAT
YOU'RE
TALKIN'
ABOUT.

AND YOU
CALLED
ME EVEN
WHEN YOUR
VOICE WAS
SILENCED.



YOU...

YOU
WON'T GET
AWAY WITH
THIS!! YOU
TRAITOR!!



HEY, MY
VOICE IS
BACK...

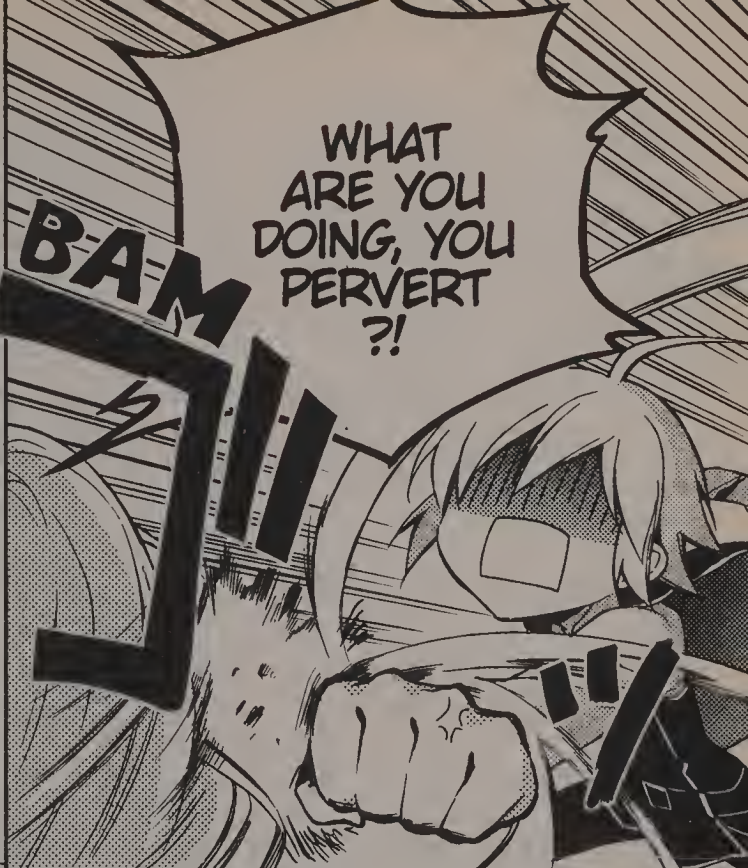
And
your
strength,
too...

Heh
heh
heh.



HATSU-
SHIBA!!

SHE
TOLD
ME.



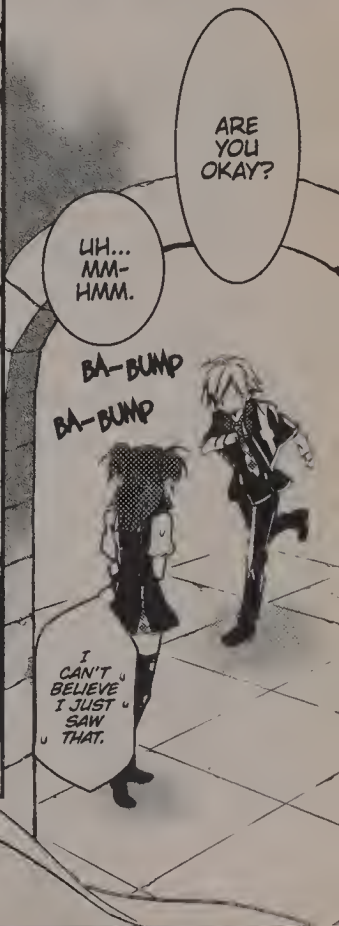
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING, YOU
PERVERT
?!



"IT
MIGHT
ALSO
BE THE
ANTIDOTE."

"HIS
BLOOD
IS THE
SERUM,"
SHE TOLD
ME.

"SNOW
WHITE
MADE THE
POISON
FROM HIS
BLOOD."

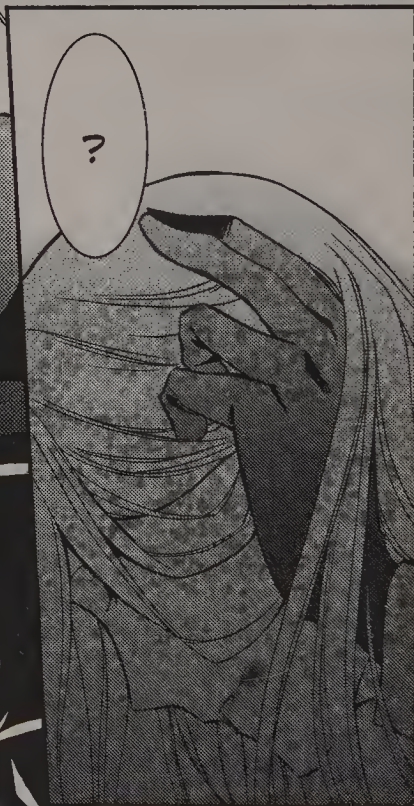


ARE
YOU
OKAY?

UH...
MM-
HMM.

BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP

I
CAN'T
BELIEVE
I JUST
SAW
THAT.





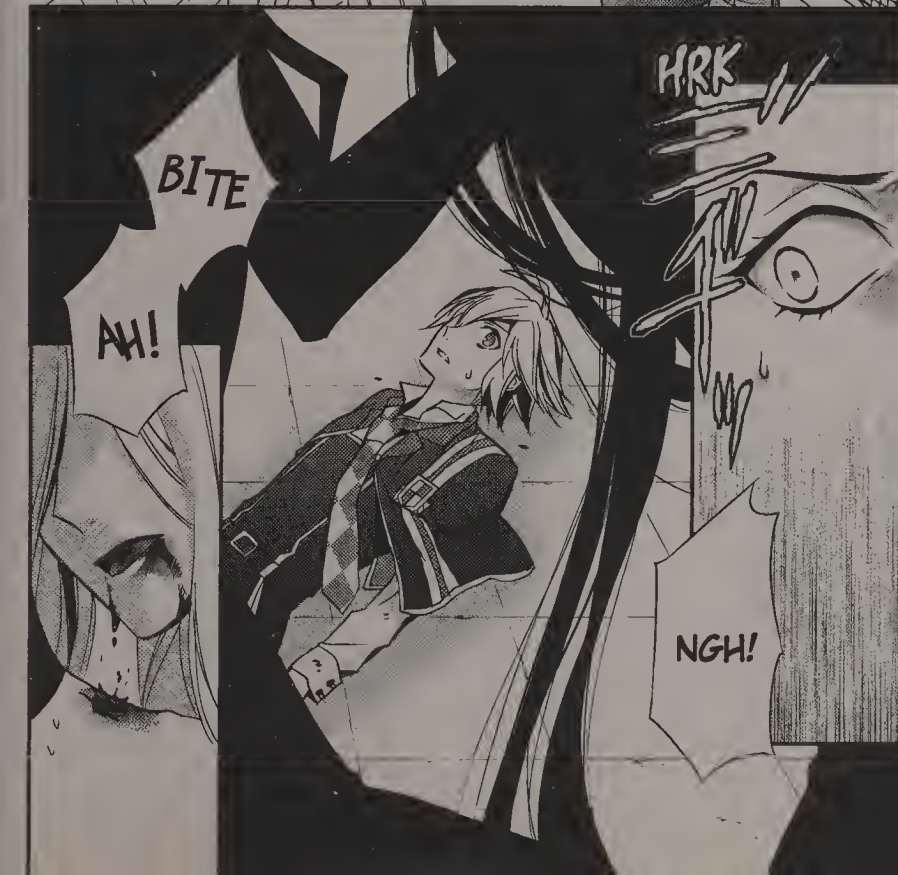
OR DID
YOU JUST
COME TO
WATCH
YOUR
MASTER
EXPIRE?!

DIDN'T
SNOW
WHITE
AWAKEN
FROM THE
POISONED
SLEEP BY A
PRINCE'S
KISS?

NO.

GR

AB



BITE

AH!

HRK

NGH!

WHAT
...?!



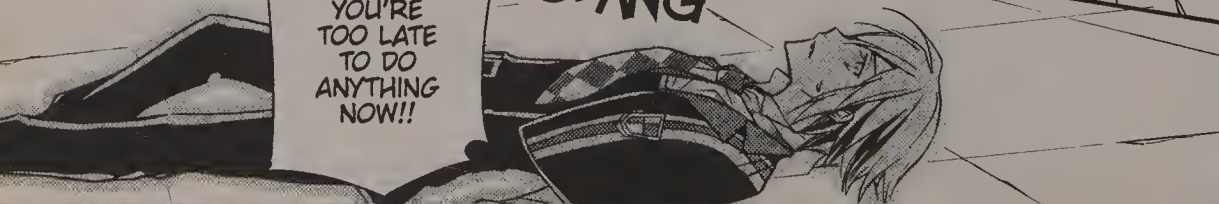


YOU
....!!

CLANK

CLANG

YOU'RE
TOO LATE
TO DO
ANYTHING
NOW!!





HERE!

WHAT
?!



JUST ONE
HEART CAN
SATISFY OUR
HUNGER FOR
DECADES.

IT'S
VERY
PRACTI-
CAL.

!!!

YOU
HAVE
GOT
TO BE
KIDDING
ME.

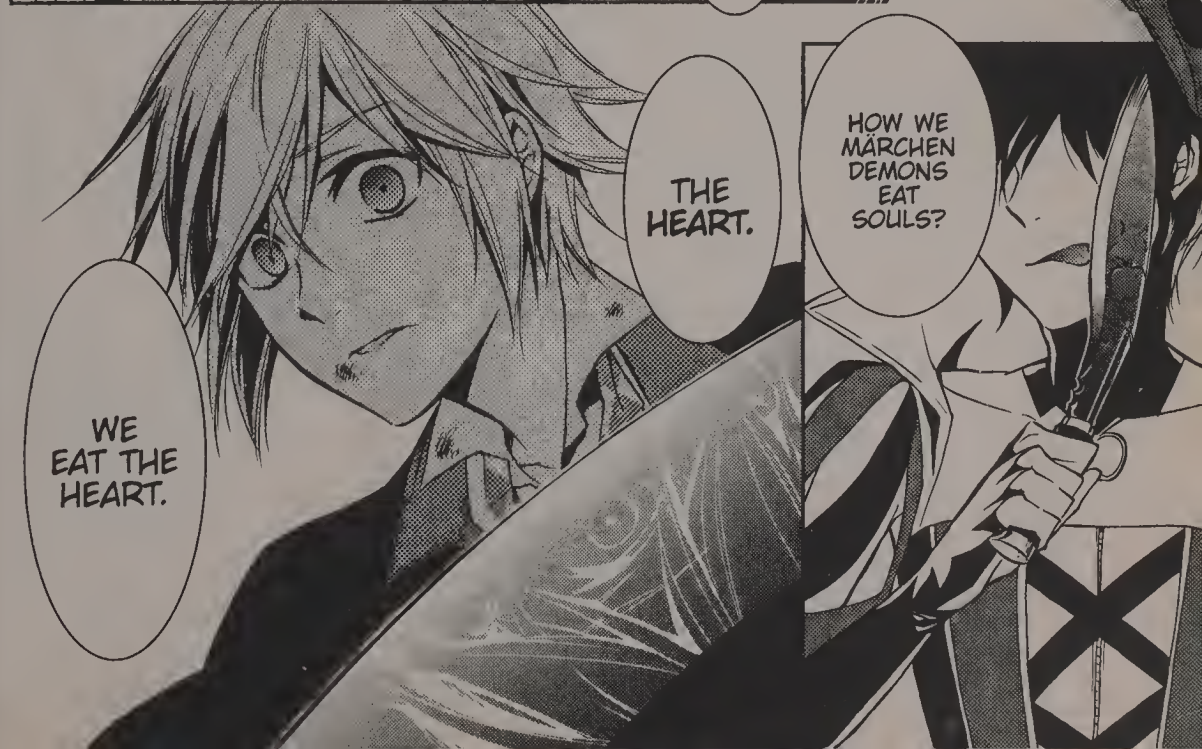
STOP...

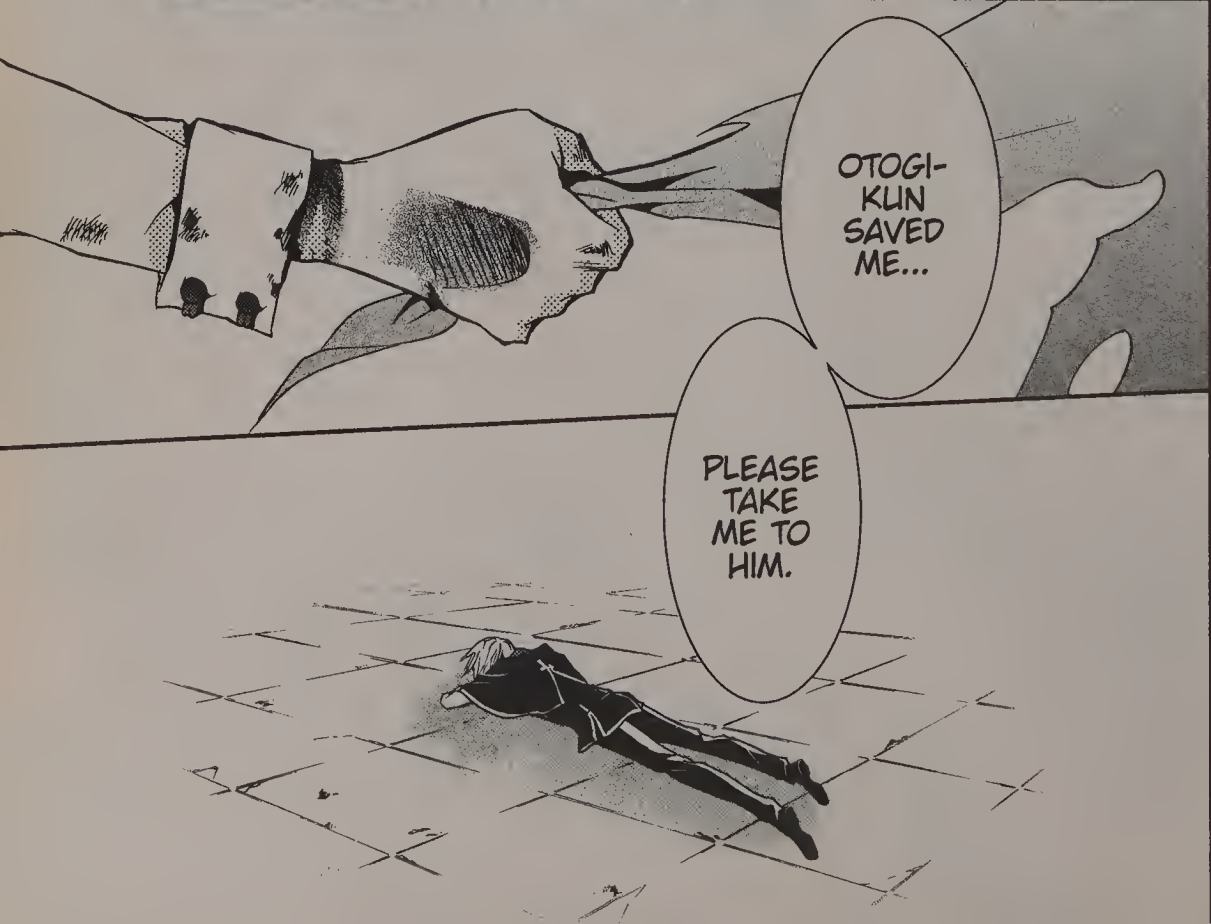
THE
HEART
YOUR
ANCESTORS
OFFERED
UP...

NO!

CINDERELLA!
COME!!

I
WONDER
HOW
MUCH
OF MY
CRAVING
YOU WILL
SLAKE?!







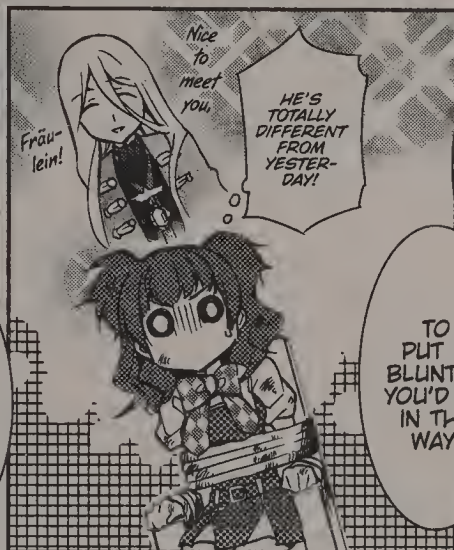
WHAT
?!

SORRY,
I HAVEN'T
GOT TIME
FOR THAT.

WAIT! IT'D
REALLY
HELP ME
OUT IF
YOU COULD
UNTIE
THESE
ROPES.



I AM
ONLY
HERE TO
PROTECT
GRIMM.



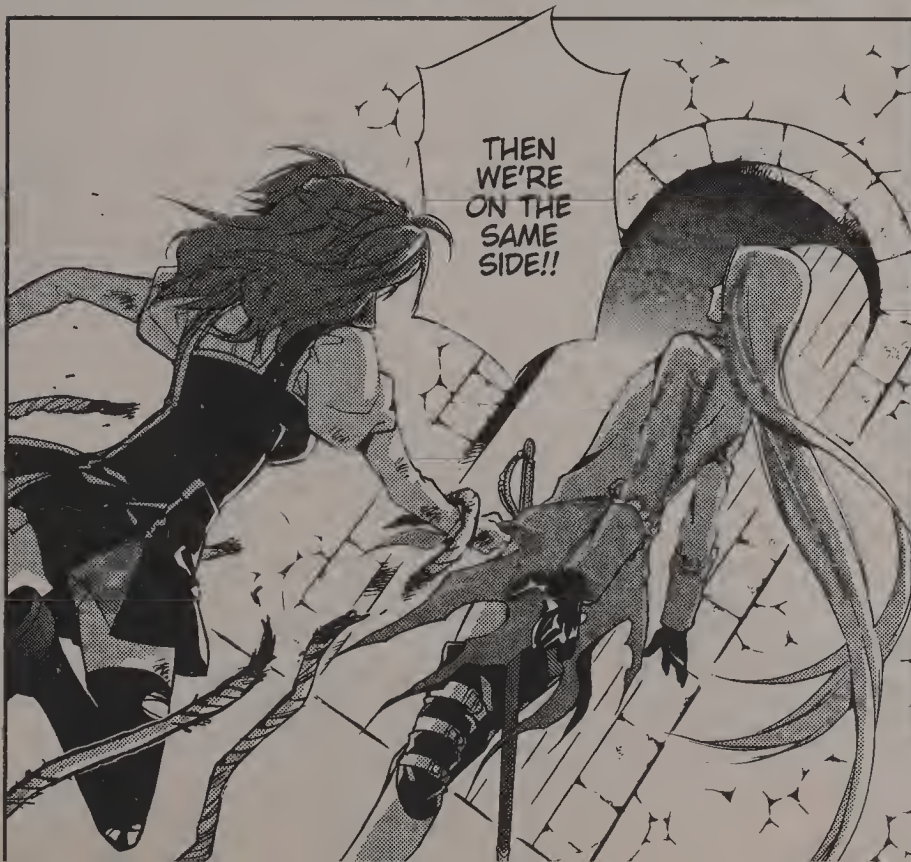
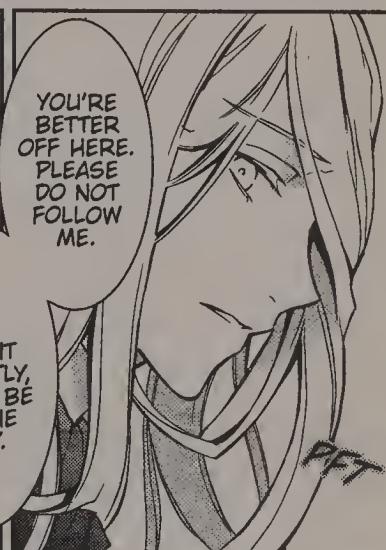
Fräulein!

Nice
to
meet
you.

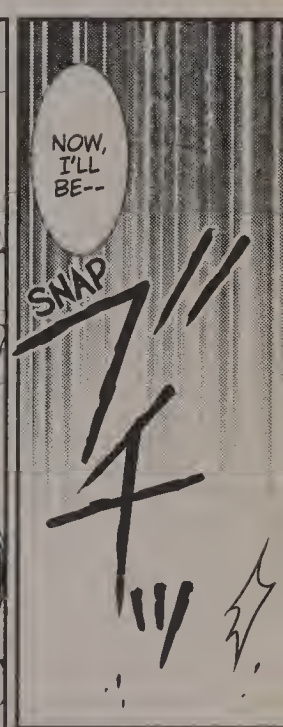
HE'S
TOTALLY
DIFFERENT
FROM
YESTER-
DAY!

YOU'RE
BETTER
OFF HERE.
PLEASE
DO NOT
FOLLOW
ME.

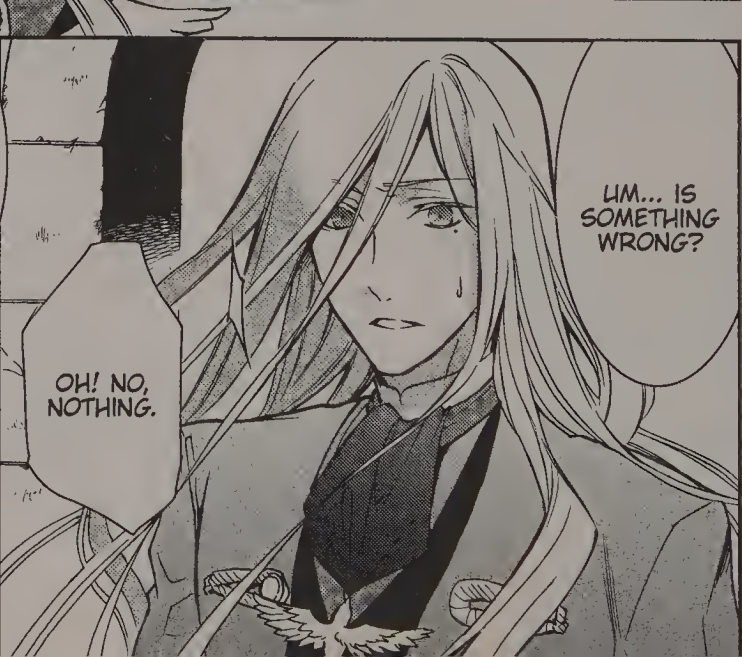
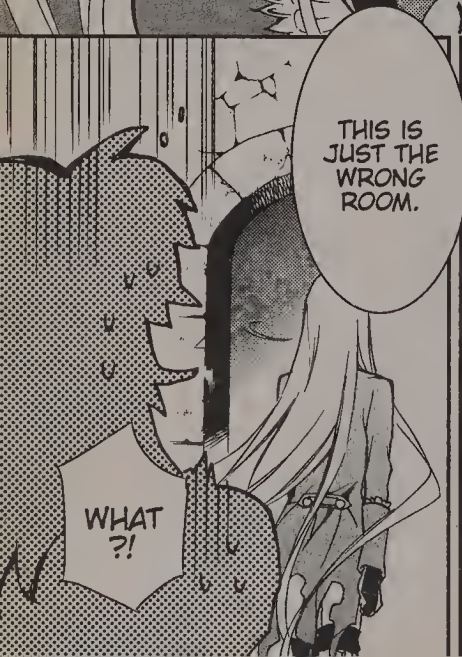
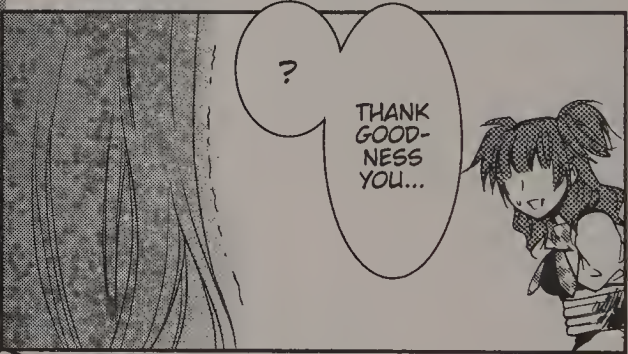
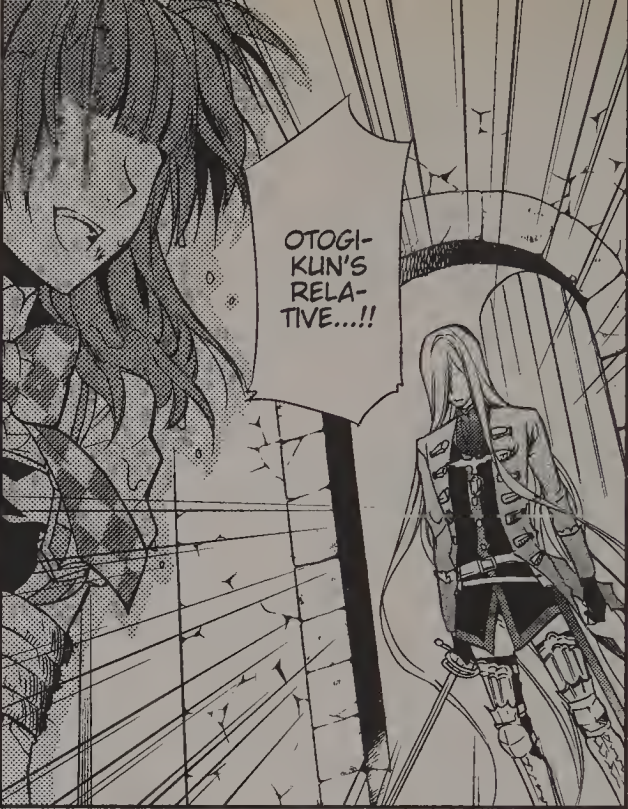
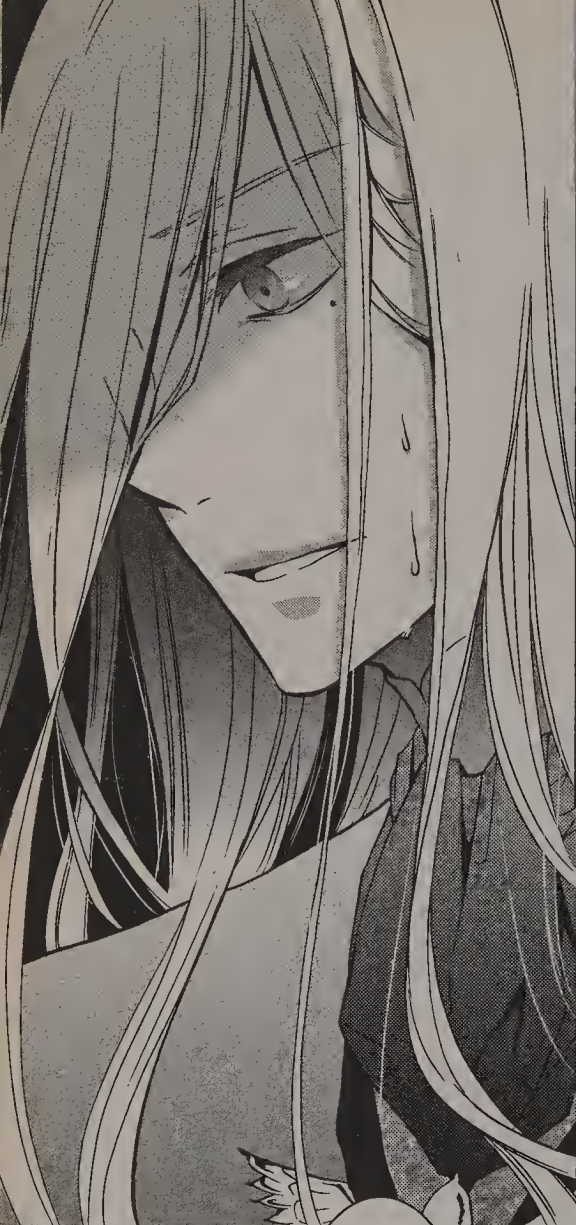
TO
PUT IT
BLUNTLY,
YOU'D BE
IN THE
WAY.

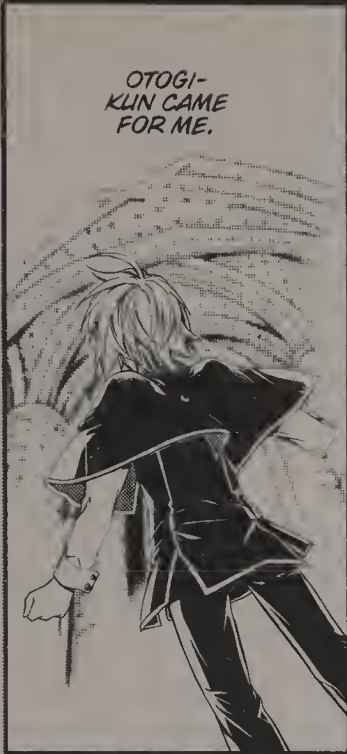


THEN
WE'RE
ON THE
SAME
SIDE!!

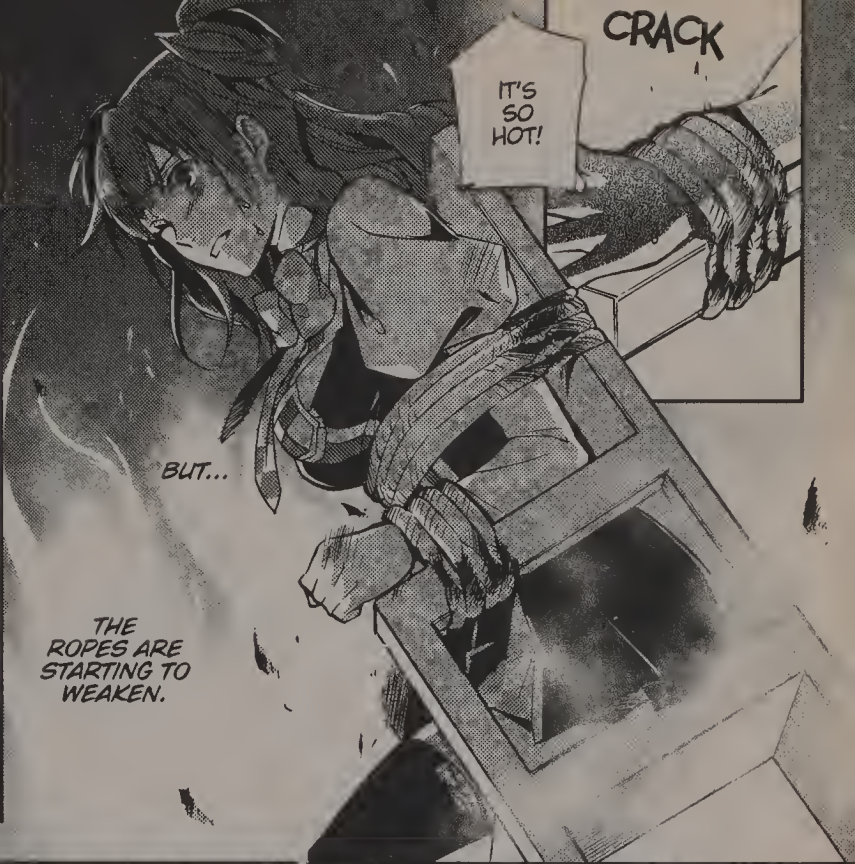


NOW,
I'LL
BE--





OTOGI-
KUN CAME
FOR ME.



CRACK

IT'S
SO
HOT!

BUT...

THE
ROPES ARE
STARTING TO
WEAKEN.



SPLASH

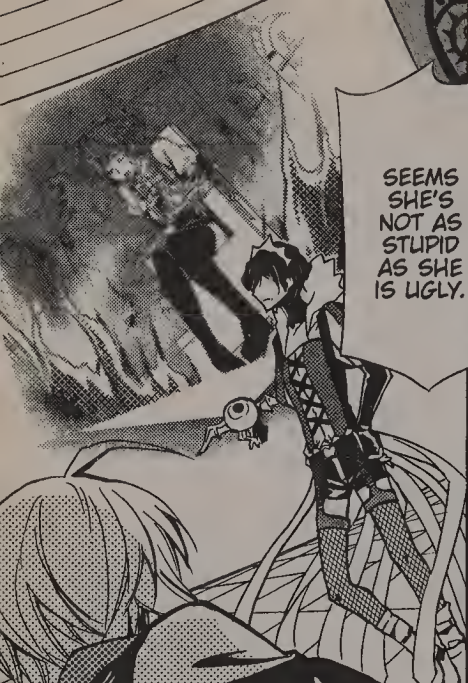


THAT'S
WHY I
HAVE TO
HELP HIM
NOW--

KOFF

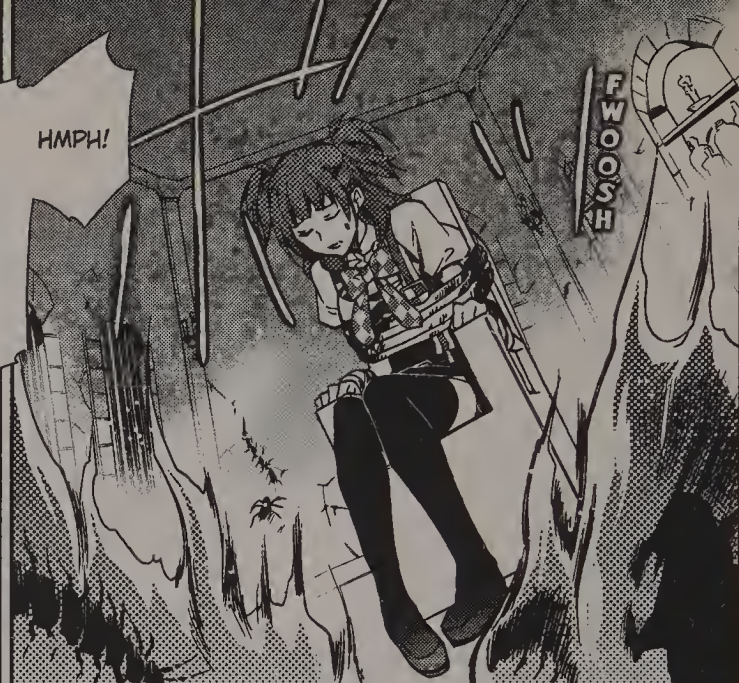


THK

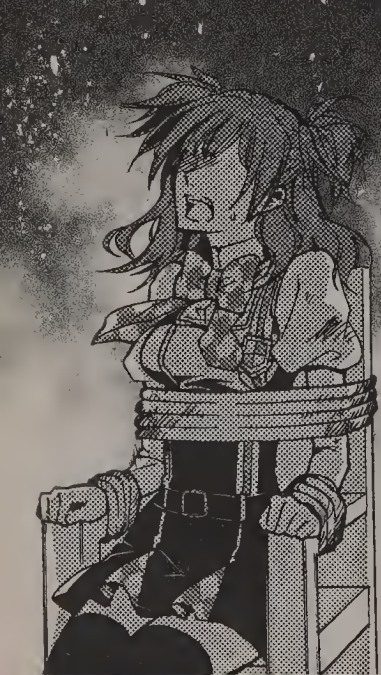
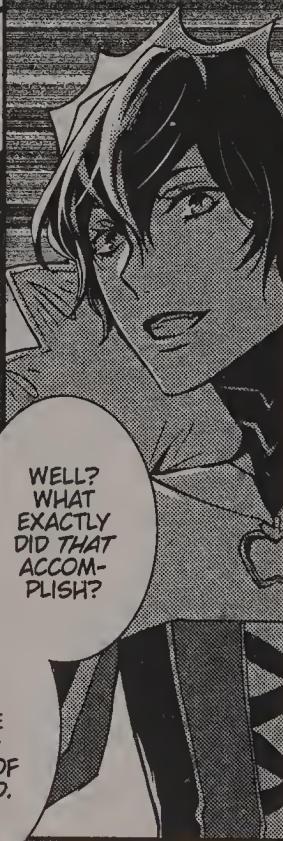


HMPH!

SEEMS SHE'S NOT AS STUPID AS SHE IS UGLY.

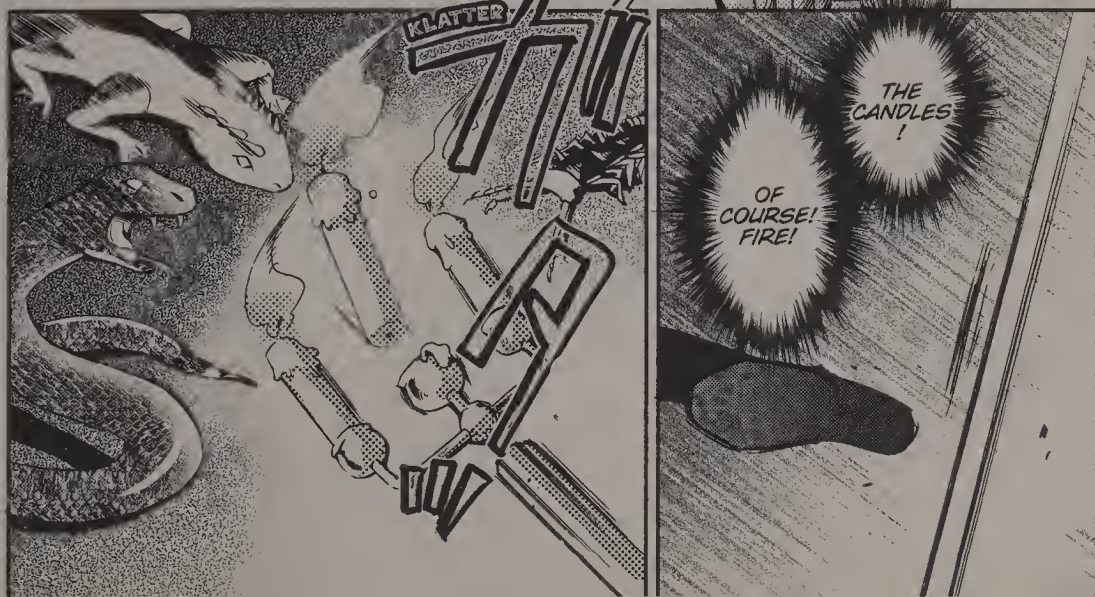
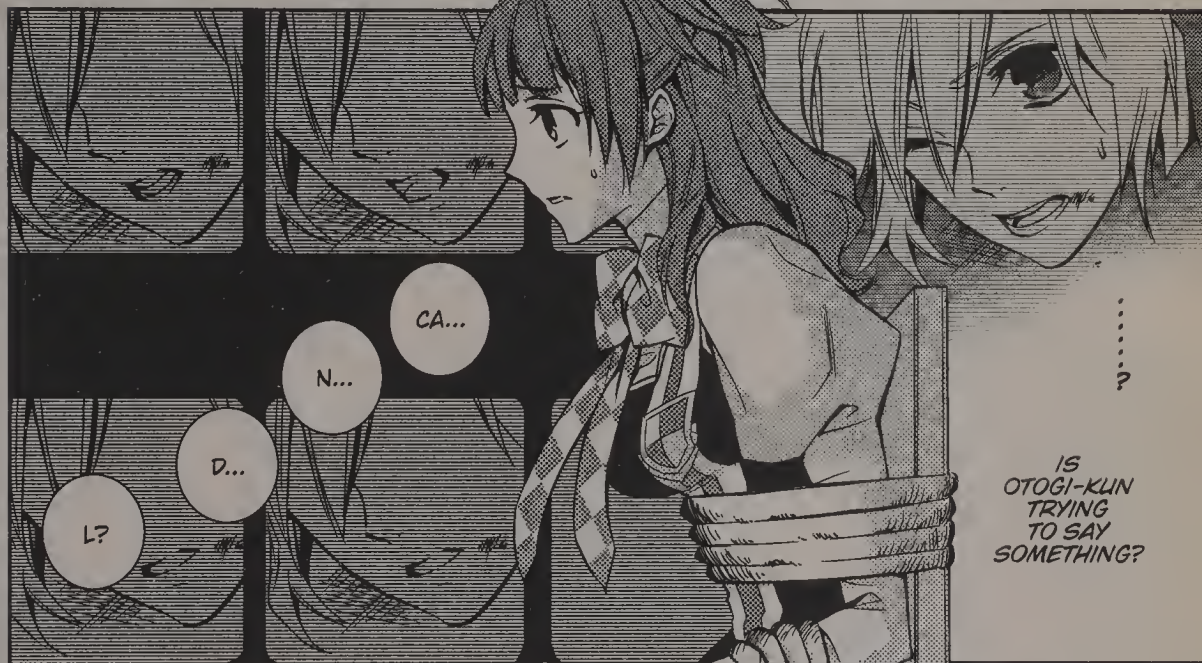


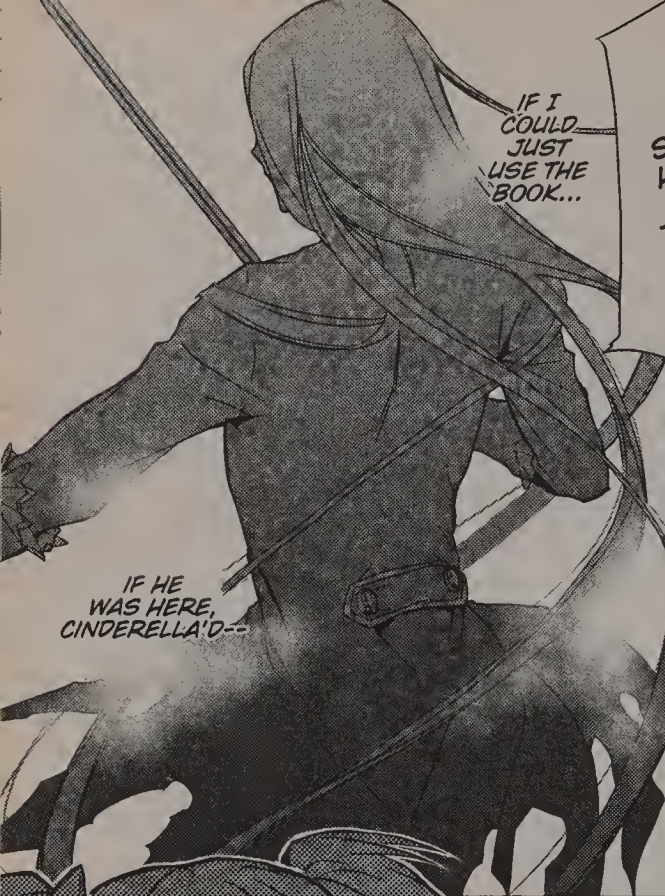
FWP



WELL? WHAT EXACTLY DID THAT ACCOMPLISH?

NOW SHE'LL JUST BE BURNED INSTEAD OF POISONED.

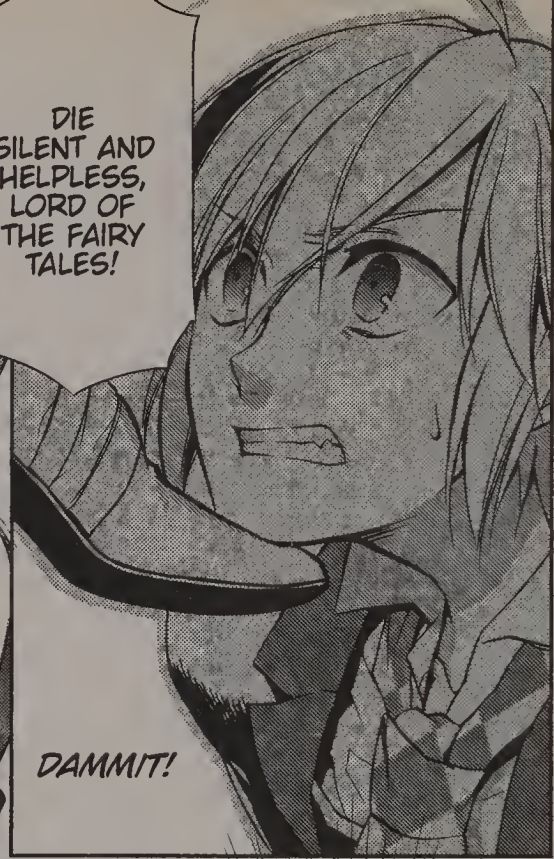




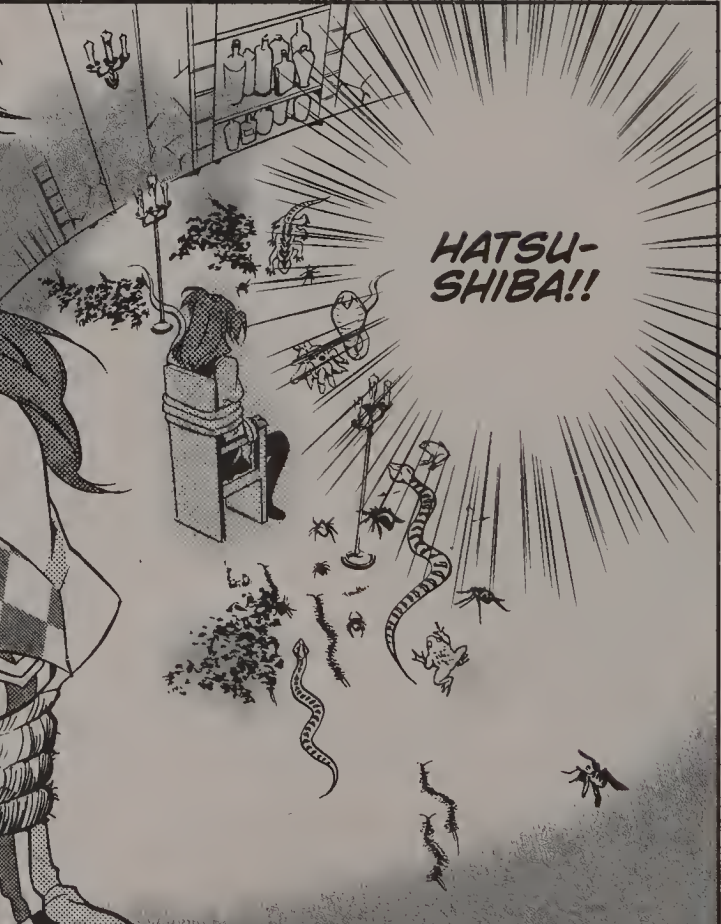
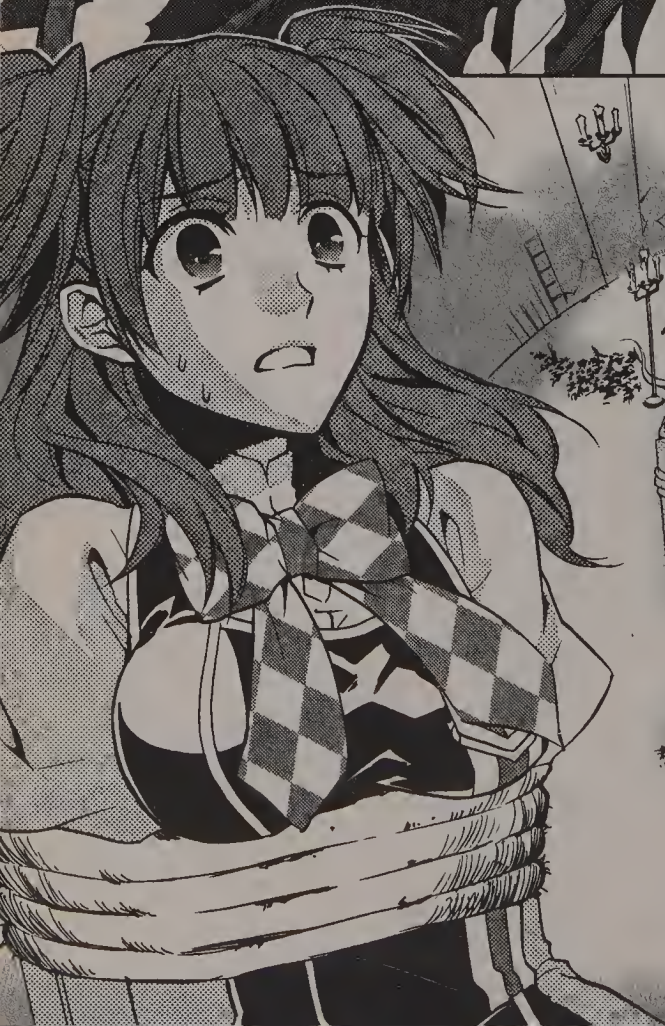
IF I
COULD
JUST
USE THE
BOOK...

IF HE
WAS HERE,
CINDERELLA'D--

DIE
SILENT AND
HELPLESS,
LORD OF
THE FAIRY
TALES!



DAMMIT!



HATSU-
SHIBA!!

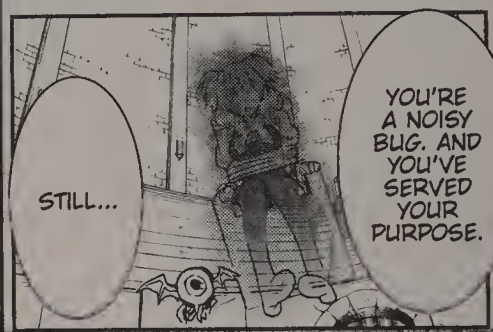


YOU
CAN AT
LEAST
ENTERTAIN
ME!



HATSU-
SHIBA!

PLEASE
DON'T DO
THESE
TERRIBLE
THINGS TO
OTOGI-
KUN!



STILL...

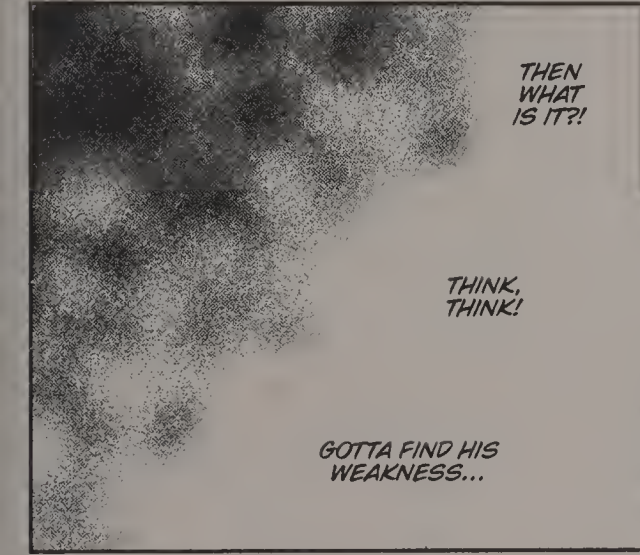
YOU'RE
A NOISY
BUG. AND
YOU'VE
SERVED
YOUR
PURPOSE.





THAT
WHOLE
APPLE
NONSENSE
WAS
ENTIRELY
MADE UP!

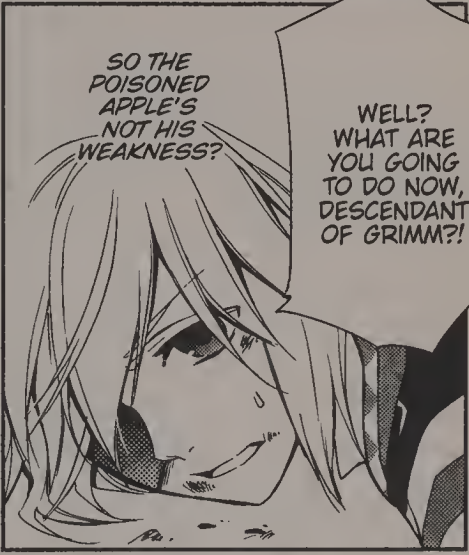
MY
ABILITY IS
CREATING
POISONS.



THEN
WHAT
IS IT?!

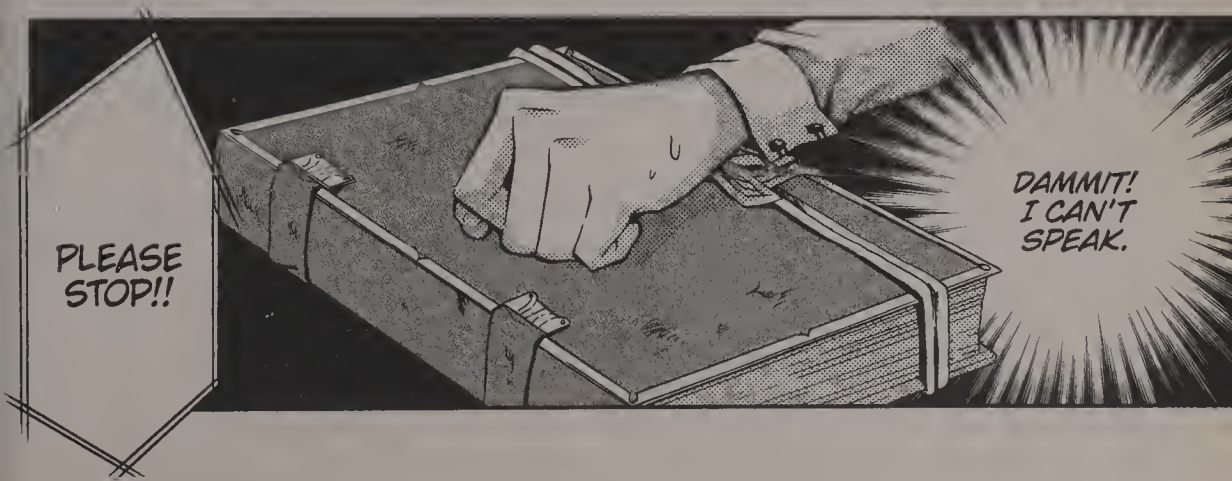
THINK,
THINK!

GOTTA FIND HIS
WEAKNESS...



SO THE
POISONED
APPLE'S
NOT HIS
WEAKNESS?

WELL?
WHAT ARE
YOU GOING
TO DO NOW,
DESCENDANT
OF GRIMM?!



PLEASE
STOP!!

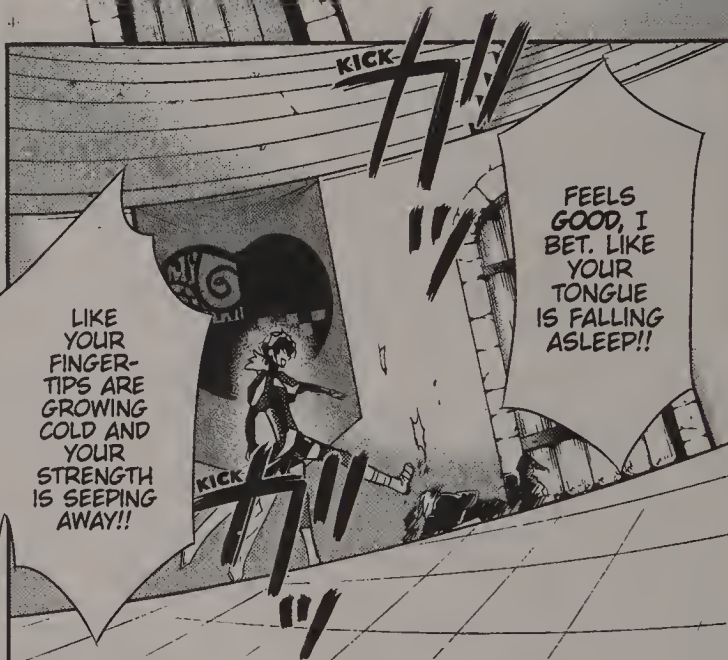
DAMMIT!
I CAN'T
SPEAK.

HOW
DO YOU
LIKE MY
POISON?!



HM?!

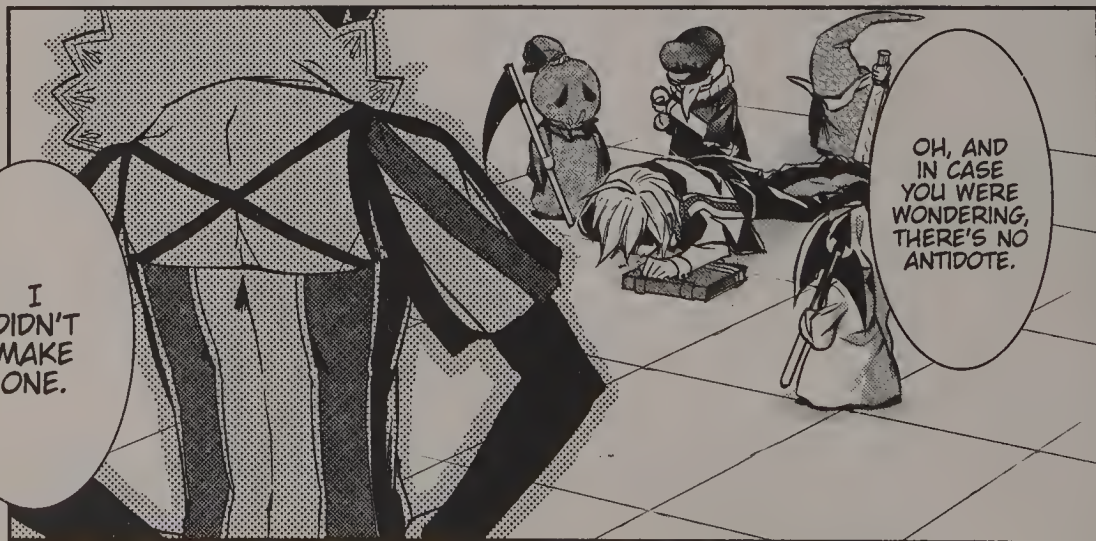
LIKE
YOUR
FINGER-
TIPS ARE
GROWING
COLD AND
YOUR
STRENGTH
IS SEEPING
AWAY!!



FEELS
GOOD, I
BET. LIKE
YOUR
TONGUE
IS FALLING
ASLEEP!!

I
DIDN'T
MAKE
ONE.

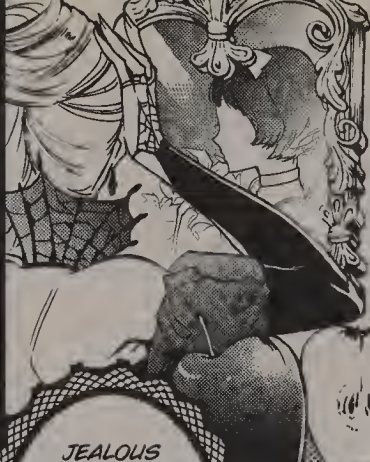
OH, AND
IN CASE
YOU WERE
WONDERING,
THERE'S NO
ANTIDOTE.





...nce weischen

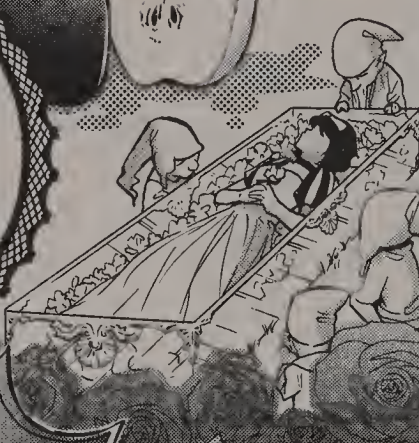
Märchen: IV Snow White, Poisonous Flower



HAIR AS
BLACK AS
NIGHT, LIPS
AS RED AS
BLOOD, SKIN
AS WHITE
AS SNOW.

ONCE
UPON A TIME,
THERE LIVED
A BEAUTIFUL
PRINCESS.

JEALOUS
OF HER
BEAUTY, HER
STEPMOTHER
FED HER A
POISONED
APPLE, AND
SHE FELL INTO
AN ETERNAL
SLEEP.



HER
NAME
WAS
SNOW
WHITE.

独裁 Dictatorial Grimoire





Dictatorial Grimoire

GRAB

YOU'RE
A BUT-
TERFLY
WITHOUT
WINGS.

YOU
CAN'T
USE
THE
BOOK
IF YOU
CAN'T
SPEAK.

AND
YOUR
GUARD
DOG'S
RUN
AWAY.

BUT WHAT
GOOD
DOES THAT
KNOWLEDGE
DO YOU
NOW?!

NOW
CRAWL,
LITTLE
CATER-
PILLAR.
CRAWL
TO YOUR
DEATH!

AH
HA
HA
HA
!!



TAK

THEN
YOUR
BODY IS
PARALYZED.
AND THEN,
THE POISON
KILLS YOU.

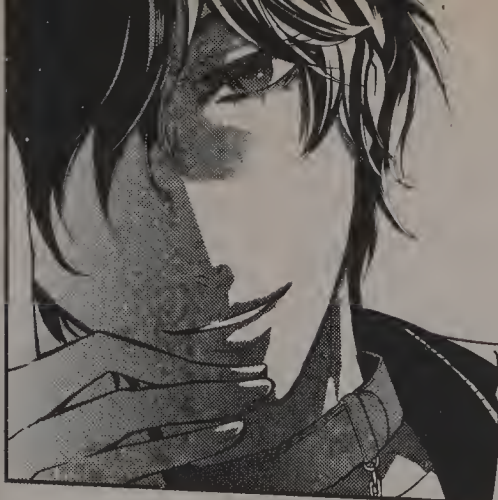
FIRST,
THE
VOICE GOES.

SKIN AS
WHITE AS
SNOW.

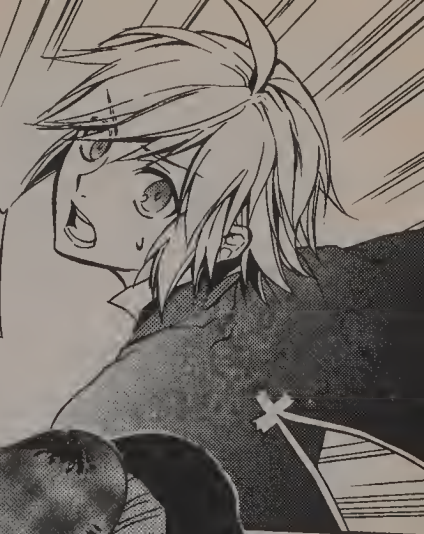
HAIR AS
BLACK AS
NIGHT, LIPS
AS RED AS
BLOOD.

YES.

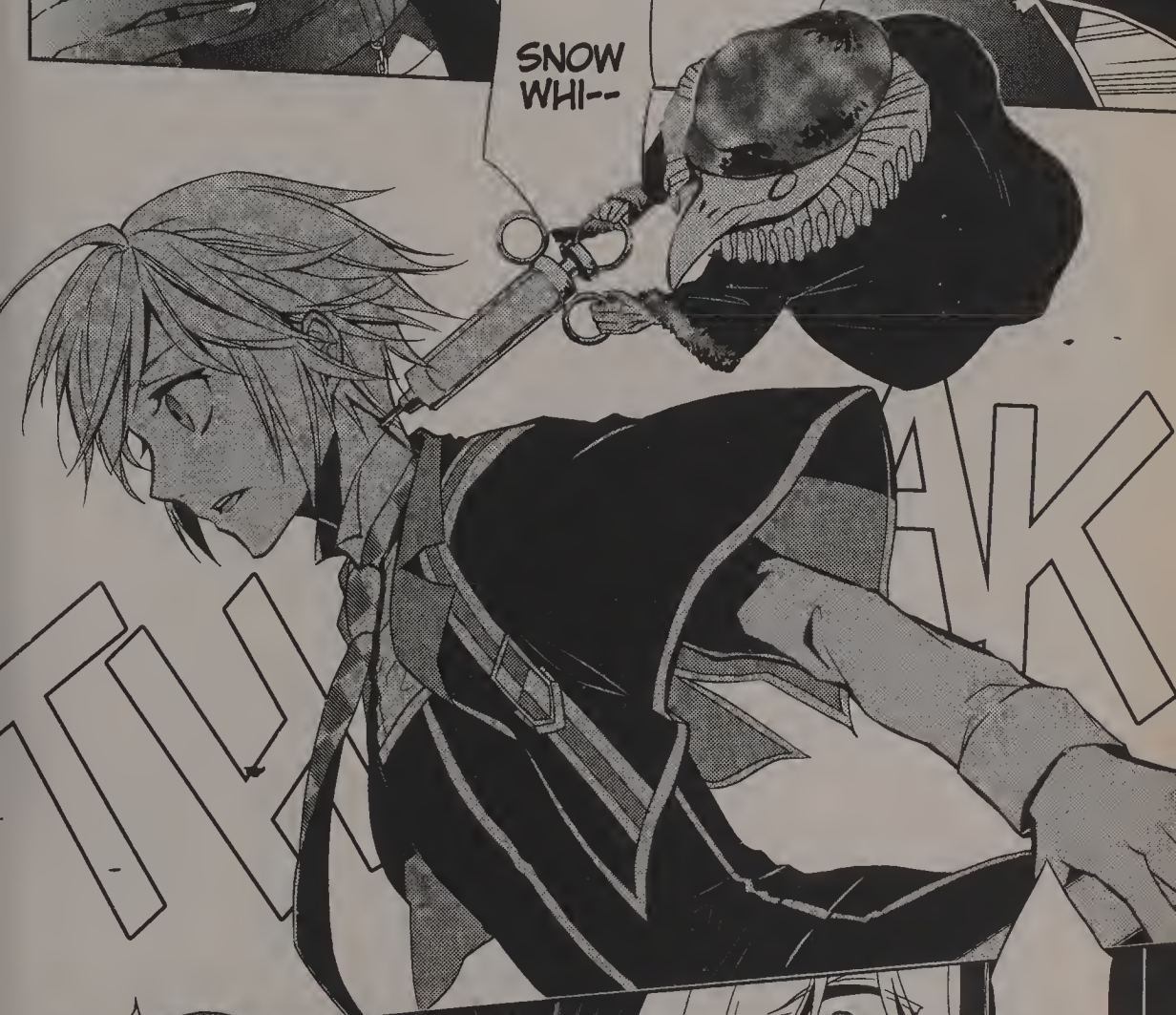
I AM
SNOW
WHITE.



YOU
CAN'T
BE!



SNOW
WHI--



OTOGI-
KUN!

MY
VOICE...?!

AH...?!

GAPE
110
4

BY THE
TIME YOU
FIGURE IT
OUT, YOU'LL
BE DEAD!

SEVEN!

SEVEN
DWARFS?

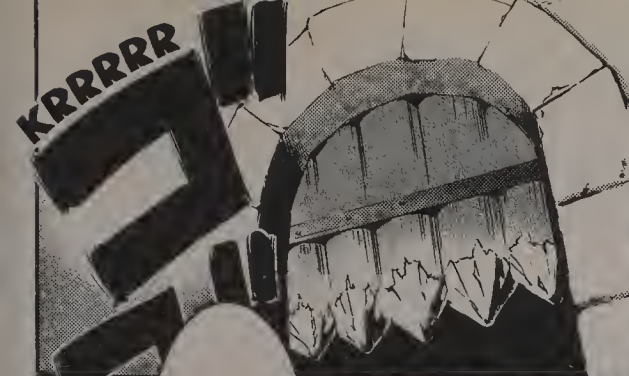
THEN
HE
MUST
BE...

HE
CAN'T
BE...!

ONE,
TWO,
THREE
...

DAM-
MIT!

HOW
MANY
OF
THEM
ARE
THERE
?!



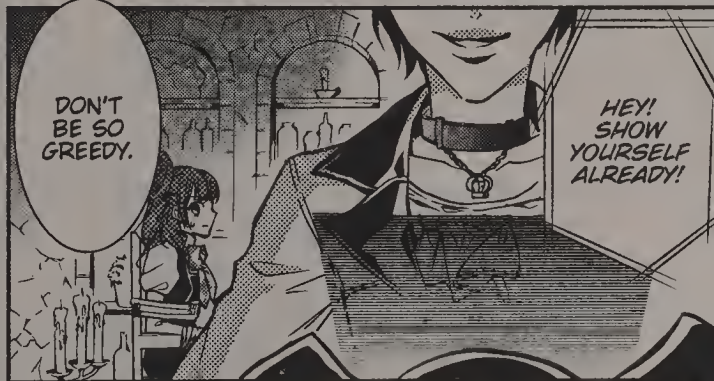
OKAY,
MAYBE
NOT.

SO THIS
IS THE
BOSS
ROOM...

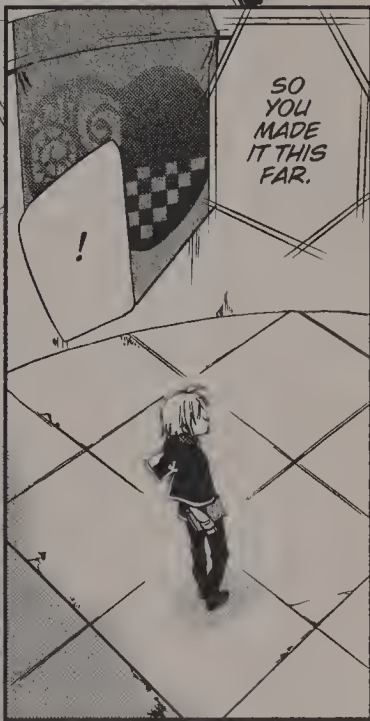


DON'T
BE SO
GREEDY.

HEY!
SHOW
YOURSELF
ALREADY!

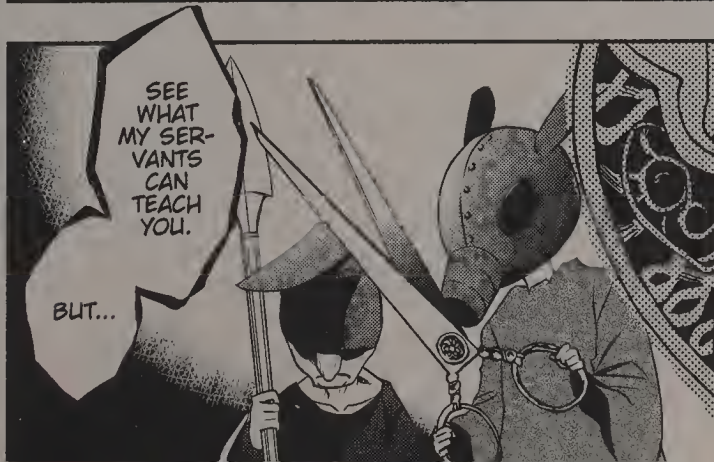


SO
YOU
MADE
IT THIS
FAR.



SEE
WHAT
MY SER-
VANTS
CAN
TEACH
YOU.

BUT...



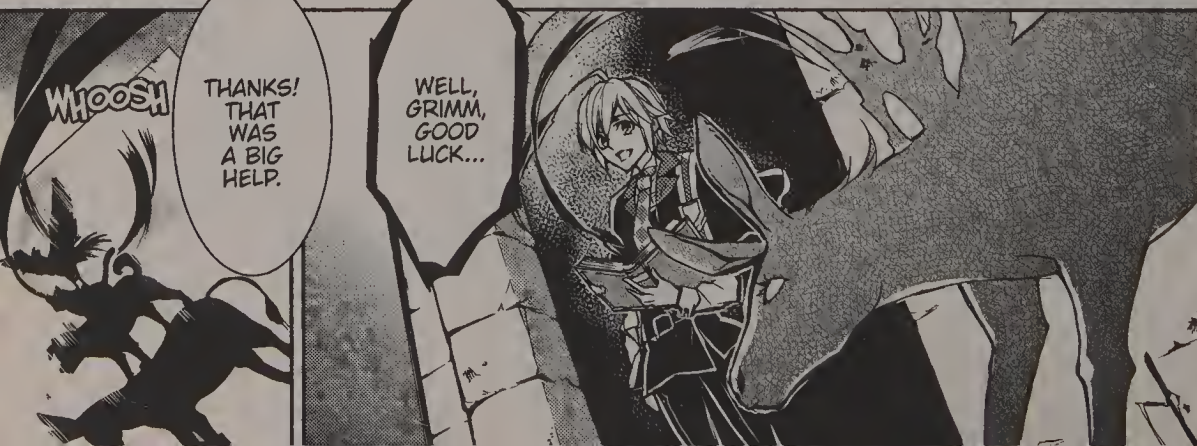
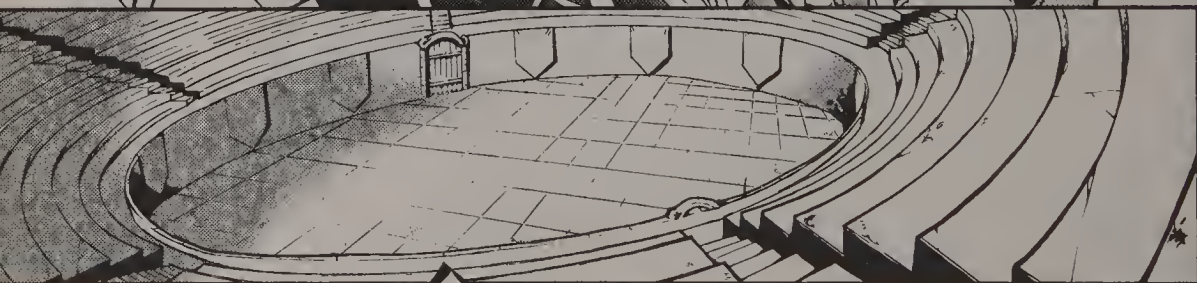


CALL
ME AT
ANY
TIME.

THEN
BE
HERE
WHEN
I DO.

IDIOT!

I AM
ALREADY
YOURS,
SEALED
OR NOT.



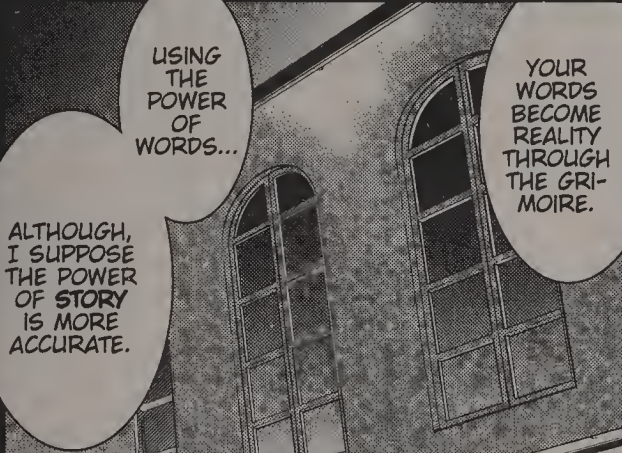
Whoosh

THANKS!
THAT
WAS
A BIG
HELP.

WELL,
GRIMM,
GOOD
LUCK...



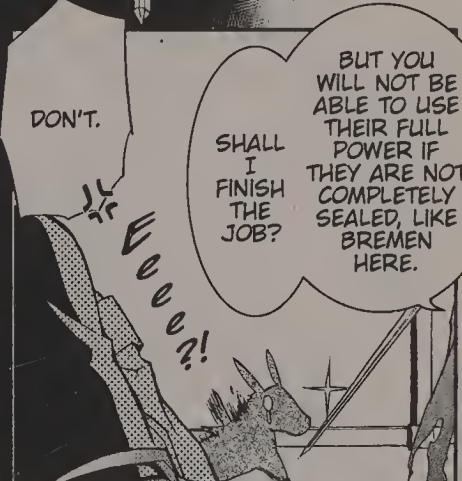
YOU CAN
USE THIS
GRIMOIRE TO
CALL UP THE
MARCHEN
DEMONS
YOU HAVE
DEFEATED
AT ANY
TIME.



USING
THE
POWER
OF
WORDS...

YOUR
WORDS
BECOME
REALITY
THROUGH
THE GRI-
MOIRE.

ALTHOUGH,
I SUPPOSE
THE POWER
OF STORY
IS MORE
ACCURATE.



DON'T.

Feee~?

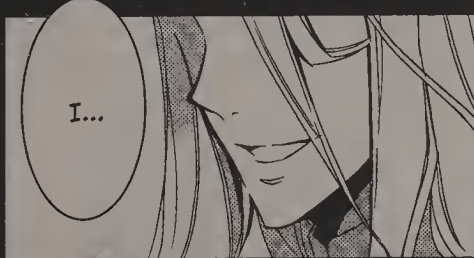
SHALL
I
FINISH
THE
JOB?

BUT YOU
WILL NOT BE
ABLE TO USE
THEIR FULL
POWER IF
THEY ARE NOT
COMPLETELY
SEALED, LIKE
BREMEN
HERE.



THAT'S IF
I DEFEAT
THEM.

AN'
WHAT
ABOUT
YOU?

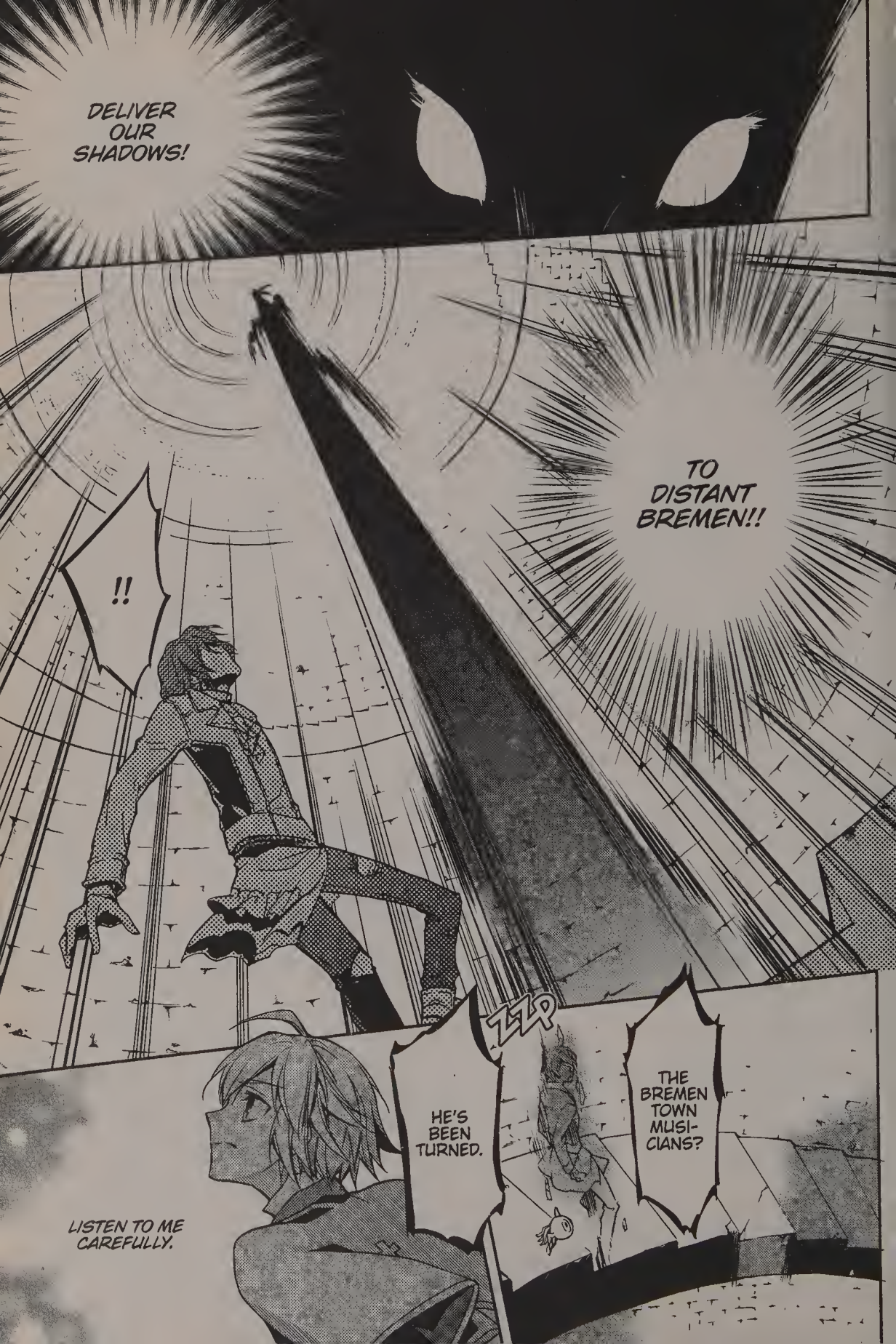


I...



IF YOU
CALL,
THEY
WILL
OBEY.

YOU CAN
DICTATE
THEIR EVERY
MOVEMENT.



DELIVER
OUR
SHADOWS!

TO
DISTANT
BREMEN!!

!!

ZZZ
HE'S
BEEN
TURNED.

THE
BREMEN
TOWN
MUSI-
CIANS?

LISTEN TO ME
CAREFULLY.



COVER
IN
SHADOW!!

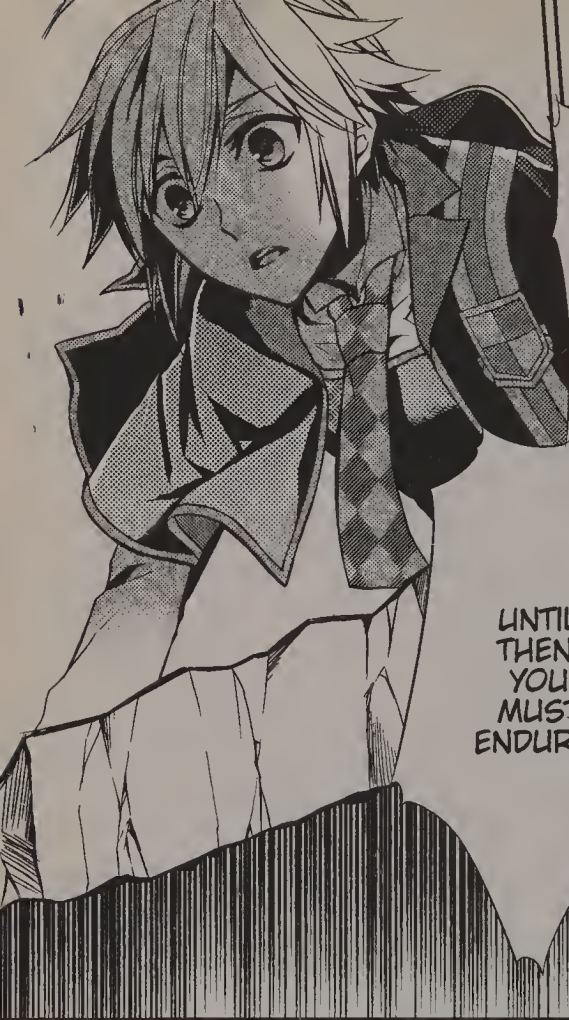
"THE
BREMEN
TOWN
MUSIC-
IANS"!!

IT'LL BE
ENOUGH.

I'M
COUNTIN'
ON YOU.

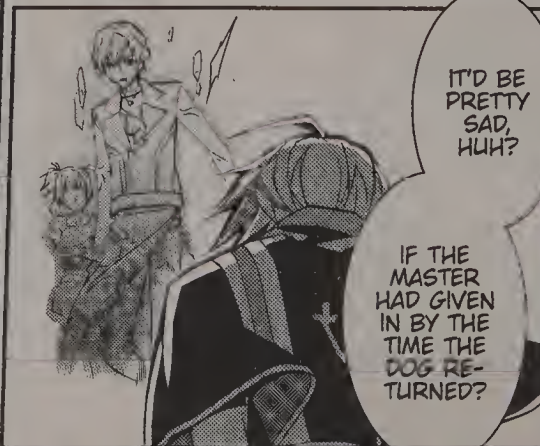
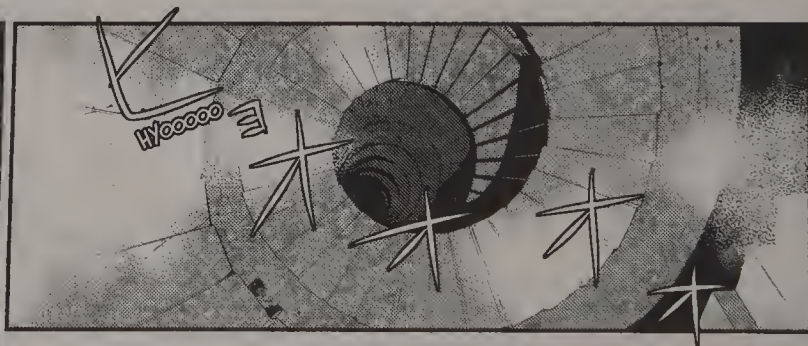
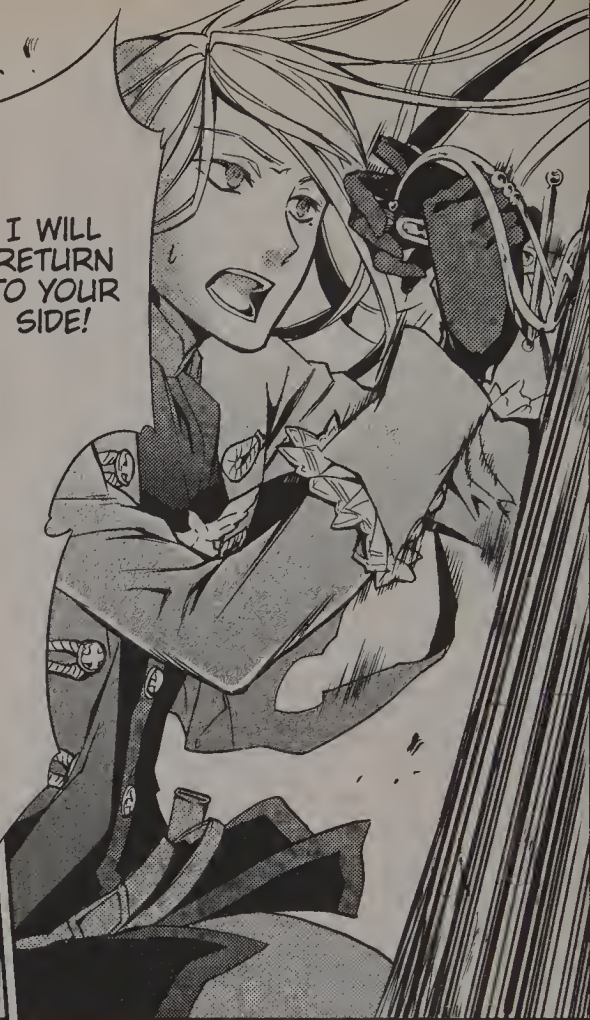
I'M TOO
FAR FROM
MY BODY,
SO I CAN'T
HELP MEW
FOR LONG.

WHA
--?!



I WILL
RETURN
TO YOUR
SIDE!

UNTIL
THEN,
YOU
MUST
ENDURE!



IT'D BE
PRETTY
SAD,
HUH?

IF THE
MASTER
HAD GIVEN
IN BY THE
TIME THE
DOG RE-
TURNED?



THIS
IS MY
FAULT!

AH...

HM?!

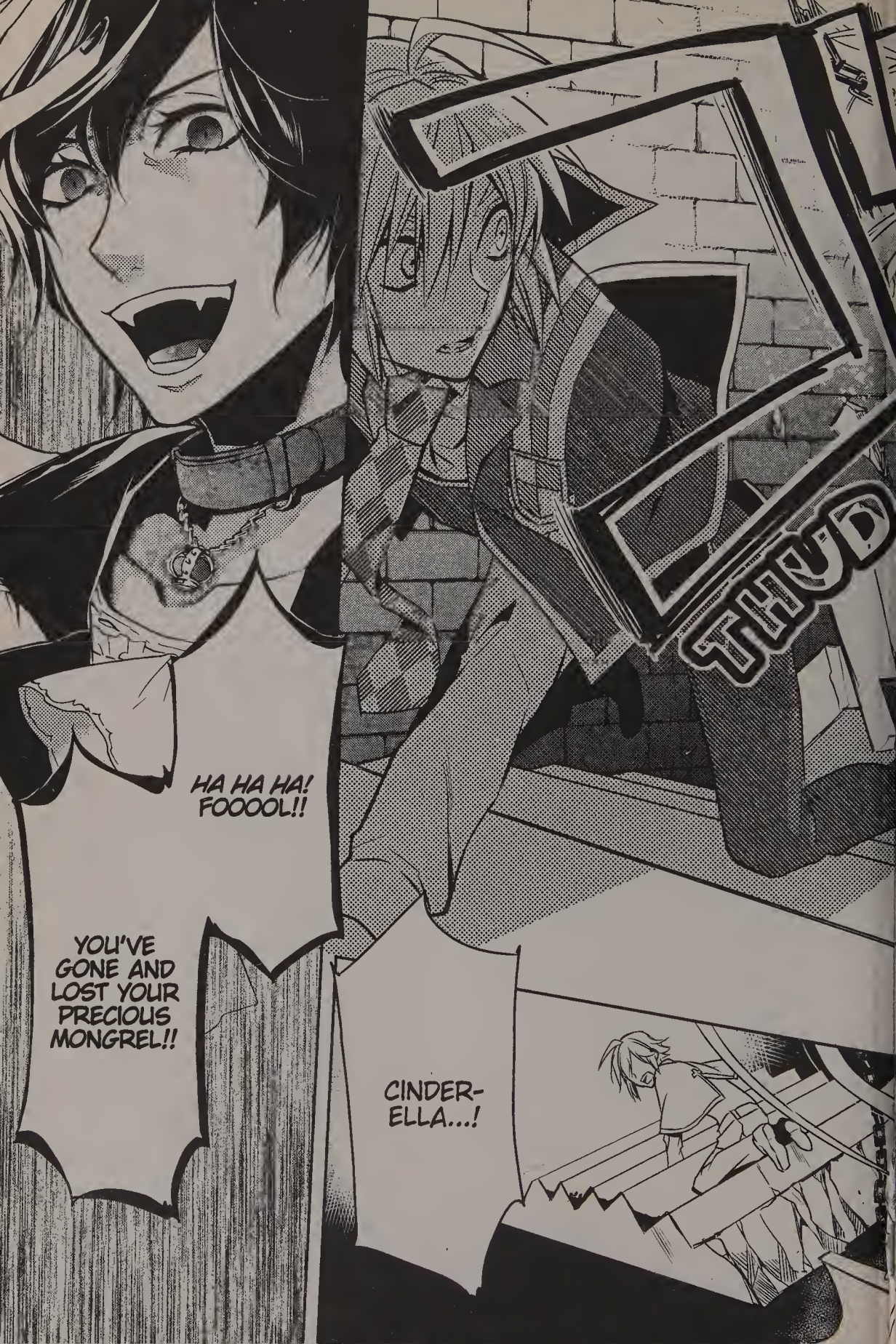
NOT
SO
HIGH
AND
MIGHTY
WITHOUT
YOUR
ATTACK
DOG,
ARE
YOU?!

CINDER-
ELLA...

TREMBLE

CHRRK

GRIMM!!

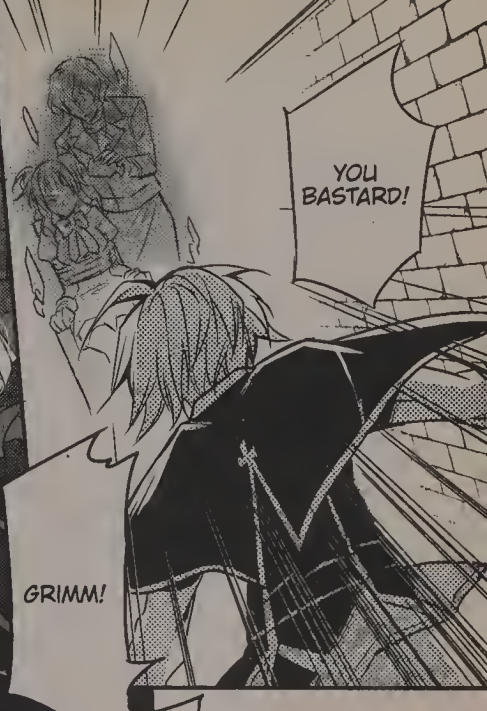


HA HA HA!
FOOOOL!!

YOU'VE
GONE AND
LOST YOUR
PRECIOUS
MONGREL!!

CINDER-
ELLA...!

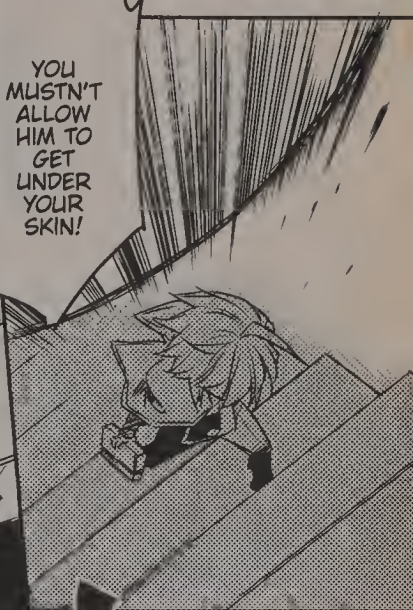




YOU
BASTARD!

GRIMM!

YOU
MUSTN'T
ALLOW
HIM TO
GET
UNDER
YOUR
SKIN!



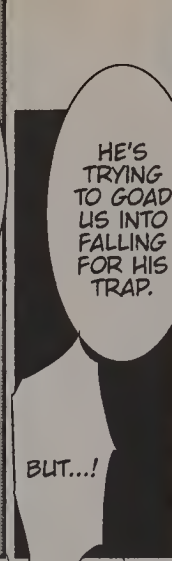
BAM



YOU'RE A PECULIAR GRIMM, AREN'T YOU? COMING TO SAVE THIS GIRL.

EVEN THOUGH SHE SAID SHE'S NO FRIEND OF YOURS?

NO! THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!



HE'S TRYING TO GOAD US INTO FALLING FOR HIS TRAP.

BUT...!



GRIMM! DO NOT LISTEN TO THE DEMON'S TAUNTINGS.

WHA...?!



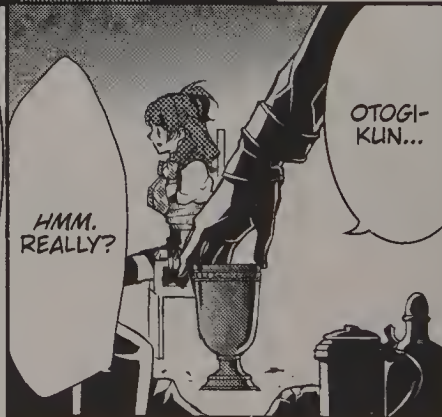
I CAME 'CAUSE I WANTED TO.

THAT HAS NOTHIN' TO DO WITH IT.



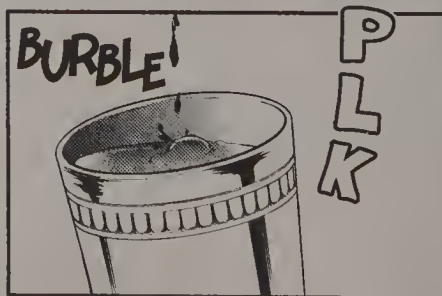
WELL, THEN YOU'D BETTER HURRY!

BEFORE YOUR FRIEND GOES FROM MERELY UGLY TO DOWNRIGHT HIDEOUS!



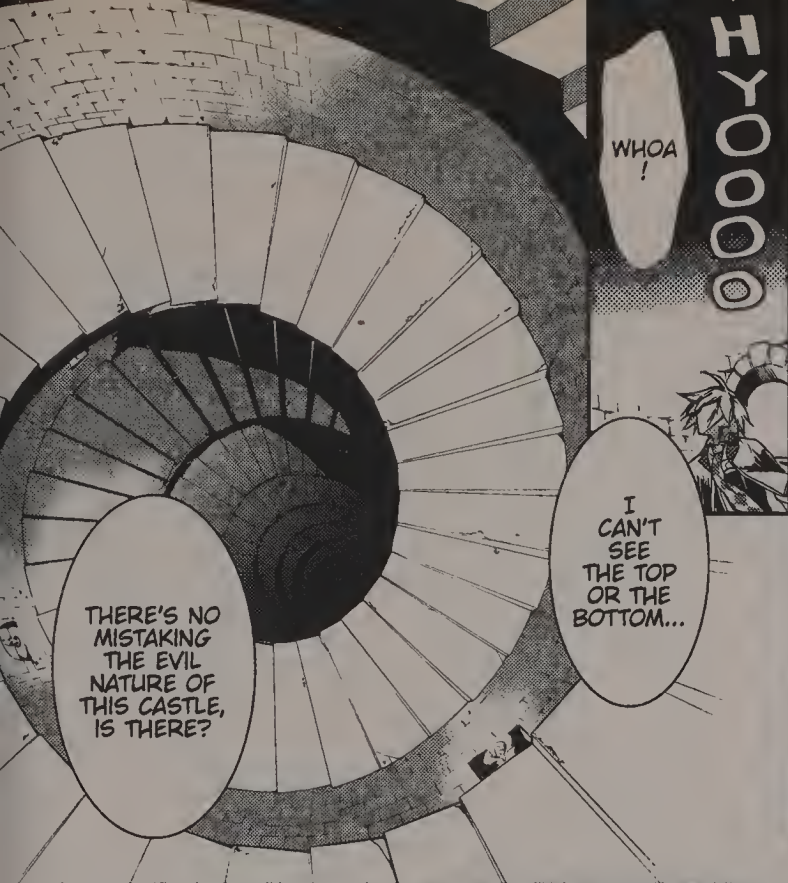
HMM. REALLY?

OTOGI-KUN...



BURBLE!

PLK

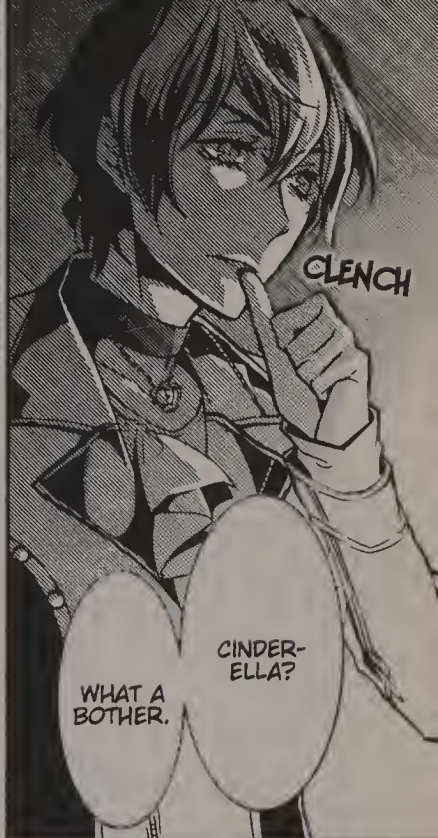


THERE'S NO
MISTAKING
THE EVIL
NATURE OF
THIS CASTLE,
IS THERE?

I
CAN'T
SEE
THE TOP
OR THE
BOTTOM...

WHOA
!

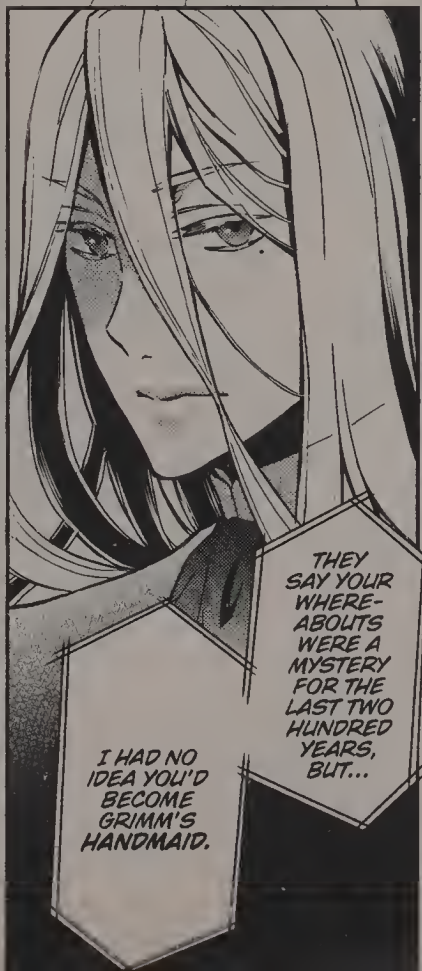
H
O
O
O
O
O
O



CLENCH

WHAT A
BOTCHER.

CINDER-
ELLA?

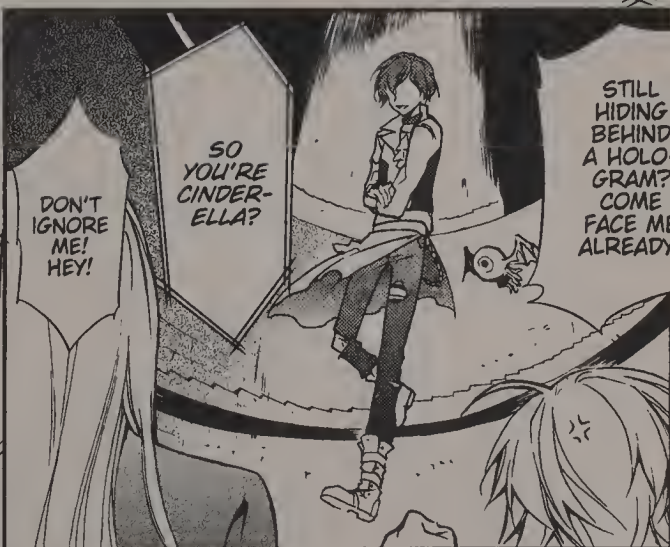


THEY
SAY YOUR
WHERE-
ABOUTS
WERE A
MYSTERY
FOR THE
LAST TWO
HUNDRED
YEARS,
BUT...

I HAD NO
IDEA YOU'D
BECOME
GRIMM'S
HANDMAID.



I'LL
THANK
YOU TO
KEEP YOUR
COMMENTS
TO YOUR-
SELF.



SO
YOU'RE
CINDER-
ELLA?

DON'T
IGNORE
ME!
HEY!

STILL
HIDING
BEHIND
A HOLO-
GRAM?
COME
FACE ME
ALREADY!



THUNK

THUNK

GOOD
REFLEX-
ES.

THAT WAS
CERTAINLY
HELPFUL,
DOMINE.



ACH!

OH,
COME ON--
THAT'S
NOT FAIR.



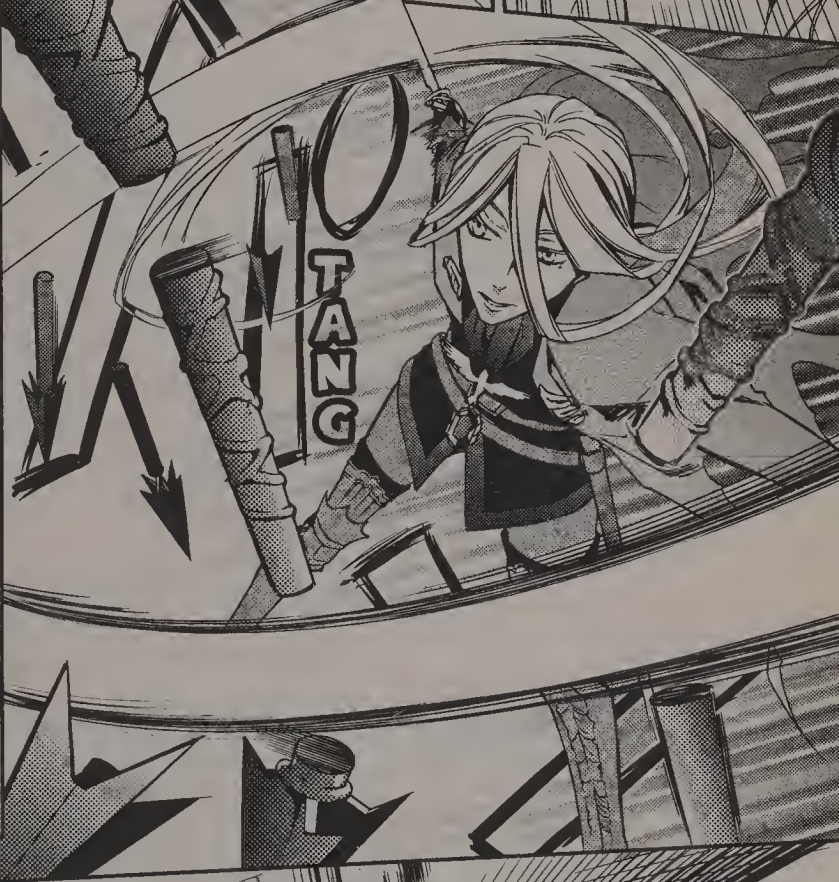
CINDERELLA!
ABOVE YOU!

GLINT

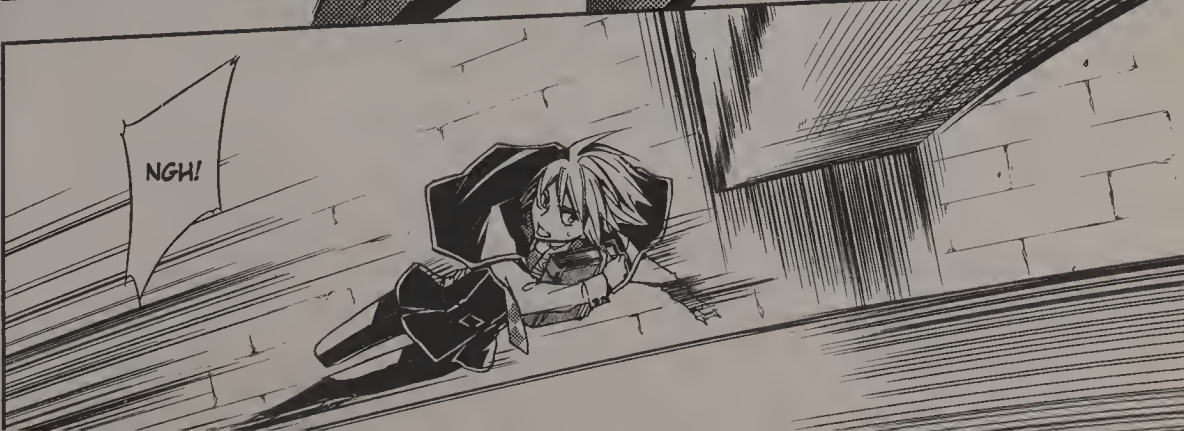
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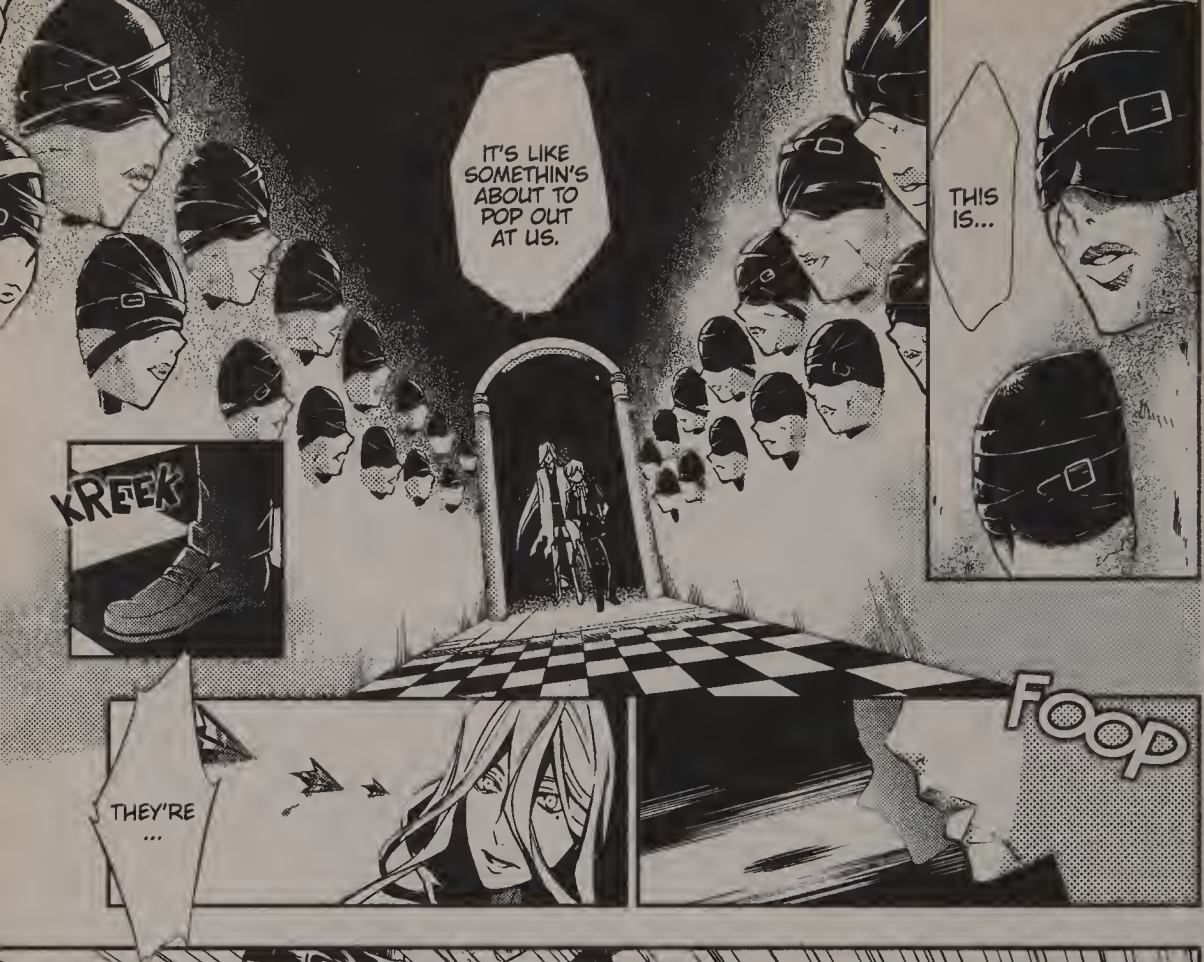
DAM-
MIT!
THE
EXIT'S
...



TANG



NGH!



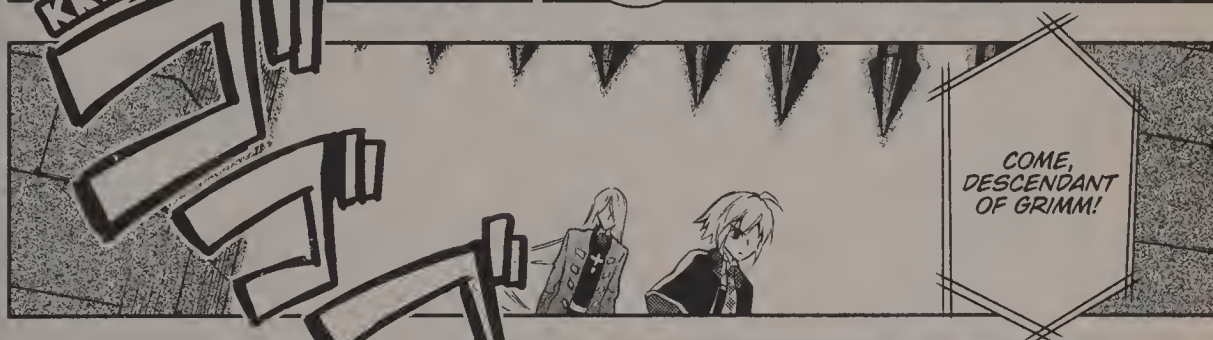


YOU
REALLY
DO WANT
TO DIE
AN UGLY
DEATH,
DON'T
YOU?

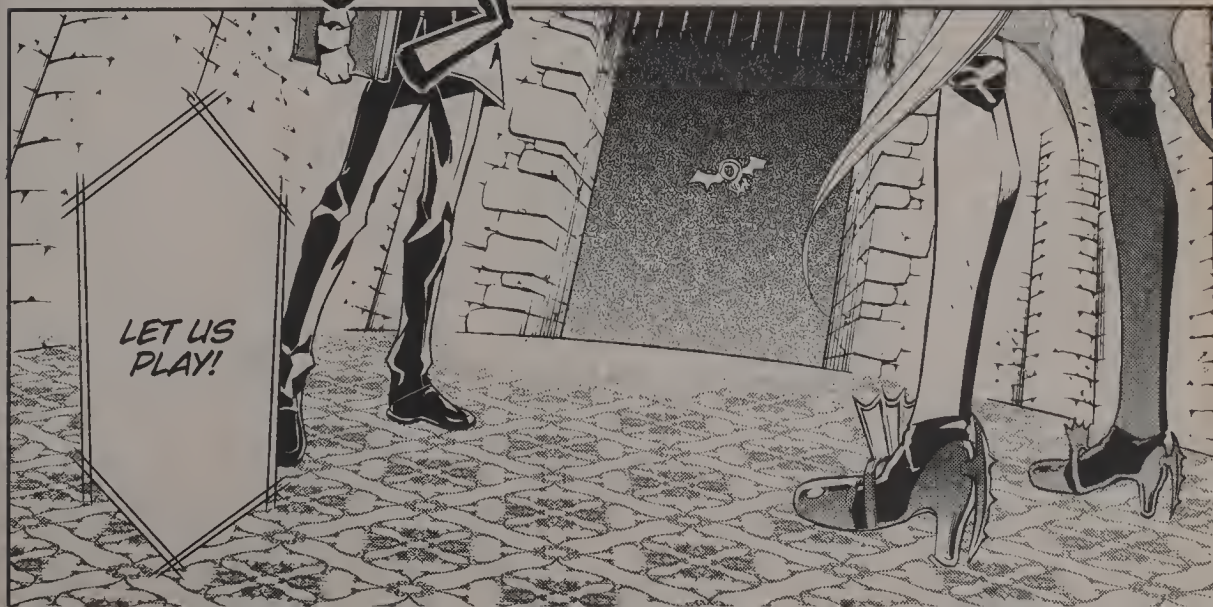
AN' I'M
GONNA
PUNCH
OUT THAT
SMUG FACE
OF YOURS,
SO GET
READY.

SHE'S
MORE
BEAUTIFUL
THAN YOU!

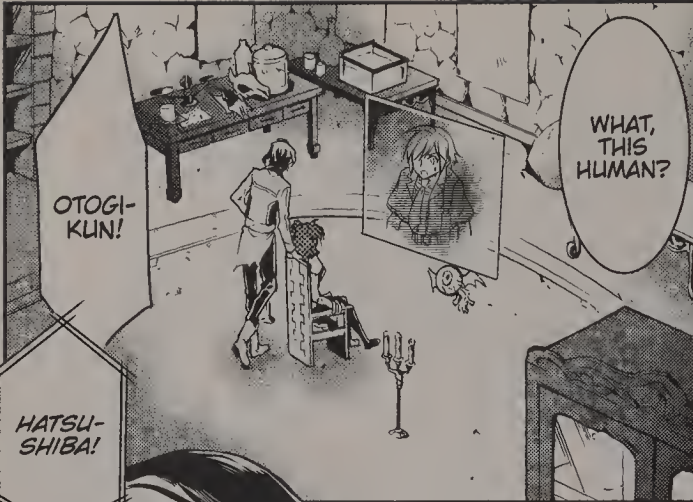
KRRRRR



COME,
DESCENDANT
OF GRIMM!



LET US
PLAY!



OTOGI-KUN!

WHAT,
THIS
HUMAN?

HATSU-
SHIBA!



WHERE'S
HATSU-
SHIBA?

Can he be
ignoring me?



HA HA HA!
ARE YOU
ANGRY?!

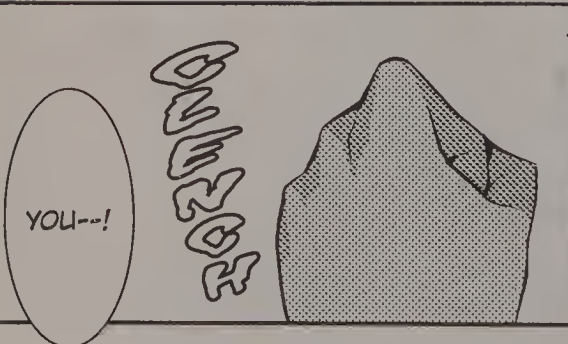
I JUST
MADE HER
A LITTLE
BIT UGLIER
THAN SHE
ALREADY
WAS.



IT
SEEMS
YOU'RE A
USEFUL
BAIT,
AFTER
ALL.

HER
HAND...

WHAT
DID YOU
DO TO
HER?!

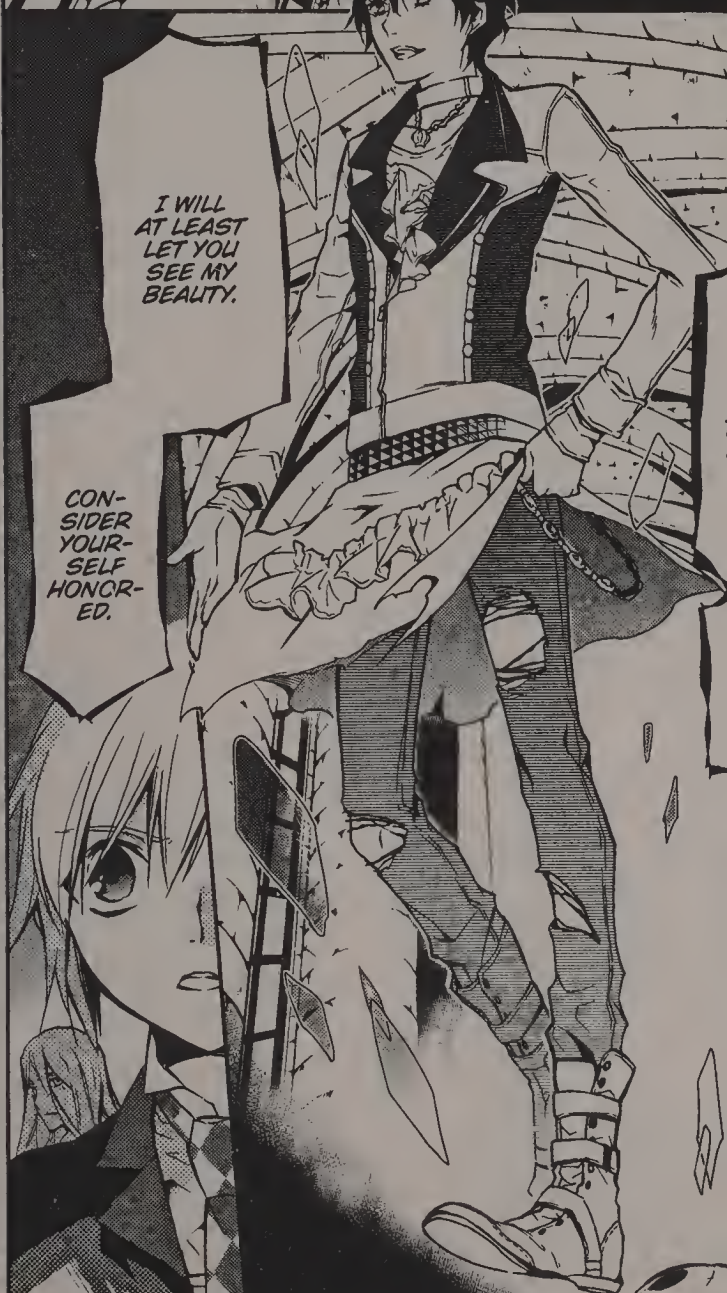


YOU--!

GODDAMN



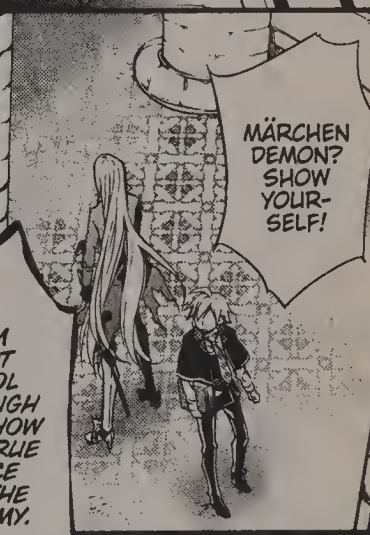
WELCOME,
DESCENDANT
OF GRIMM!



I WILL
AT LEAST
LET YOU
SEE MY
BEAUTY.

CON-
SIDER
YOUR-
SELF
HONOR-
ED.

I'M
NOT
FOOL
ENOUGH
TO SHOW
MY TRUE
FACE
TO THE
ENEMY.



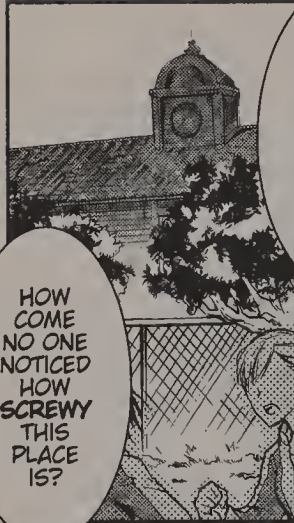
MÄRCHEN
DEMON?
SHOW
YOUR-
SELF!

FLAP

BUT...

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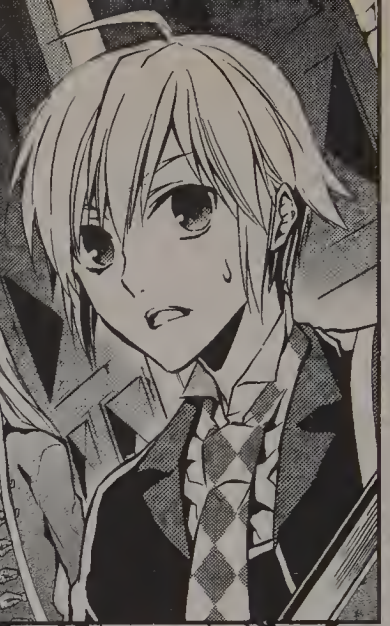
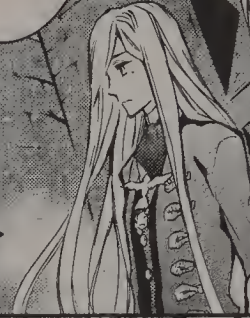
COGGLE



HOW
COME
NO ONE
NOTICED
HOW
SCREWY
THIS
PLACE
IS?

THIS IS...
ISN'T THIS
THE OLD
SCHOOL
BUILDIN'?

YOU'RE
SURE
SHE'S
HERE,
RIGHT?

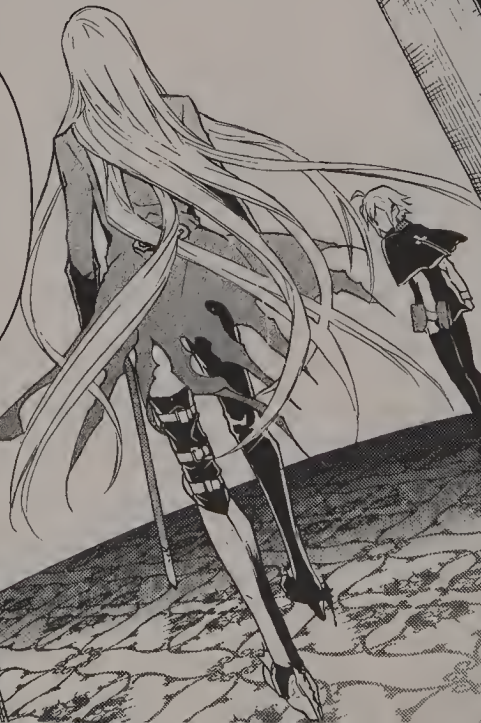


THE
LAWS OF
PHYSICS
DO NOT
APPLY.

THIS IS
MARCHEN
TERRITORY.

AS YOU
WISH...

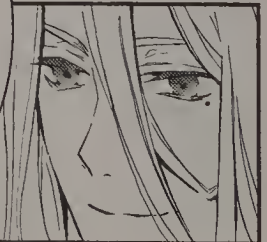
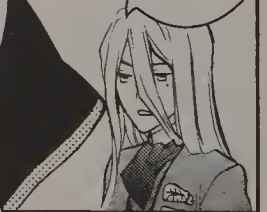
DOMINE.

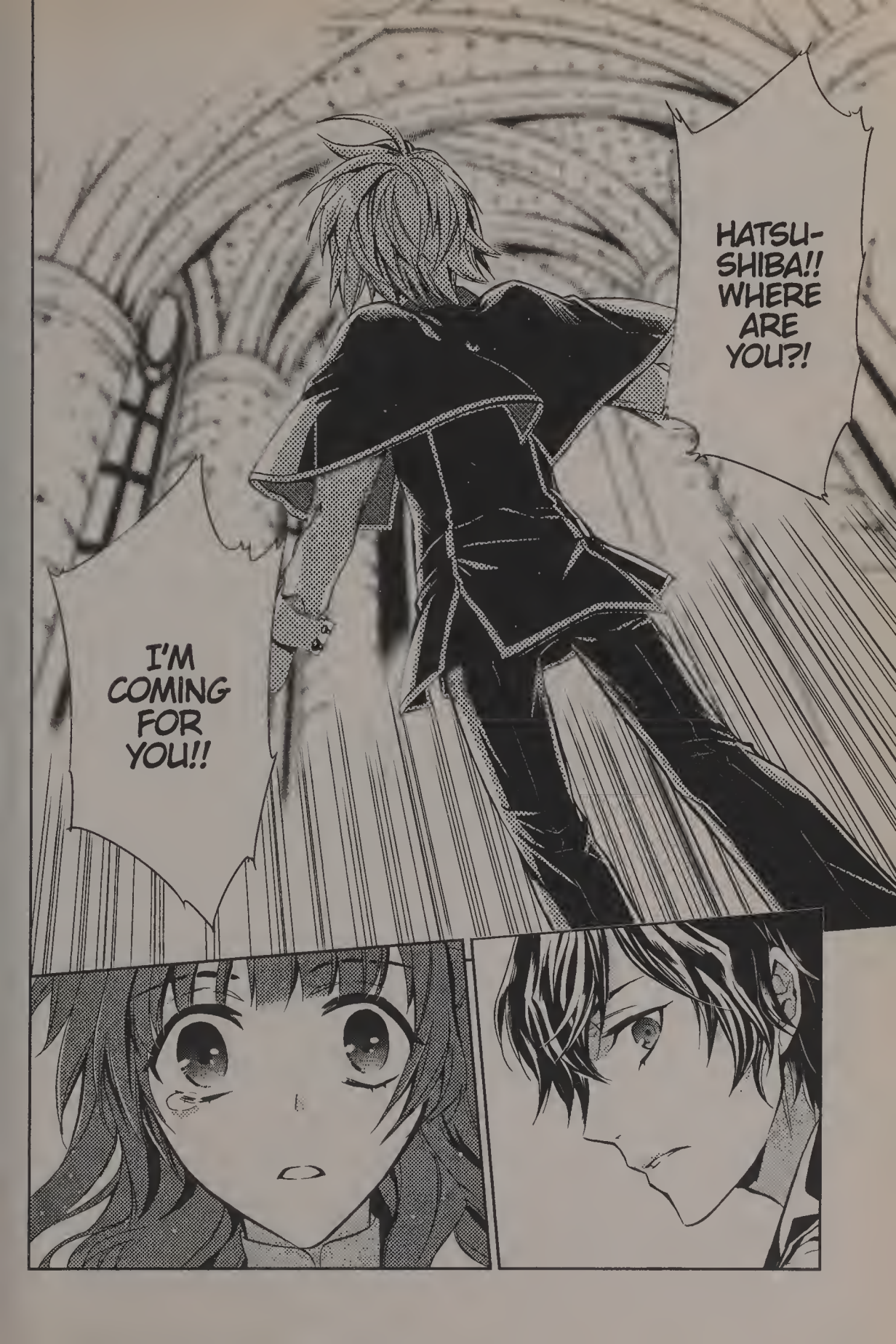


IT'S NOT
YOUR JOB
TO DECIDE
WHERE
I GO.

SO
YOU'RE
NOT GOING
TO HEED MY
WARNING,
I SEE.

YOUR
JOB'S TO
PROTECT
ME.

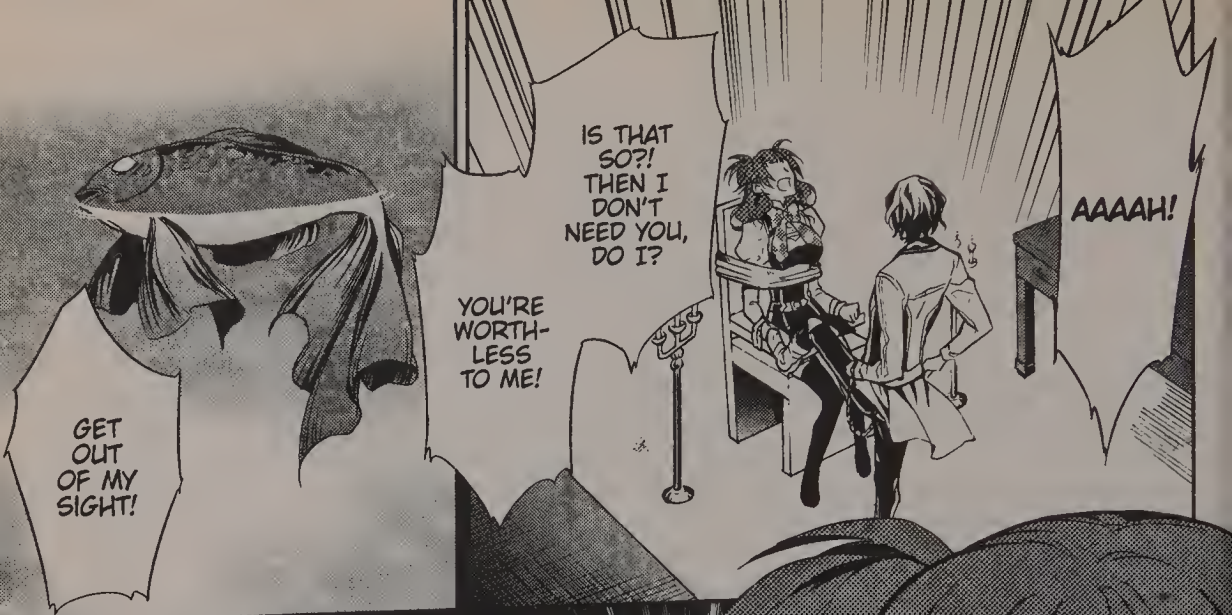


A character with spiky hair and a dark, flowing coat is running through a tunnel of arches. The character is seen from behind, moving towards the right. The background consists of a series of repeating arches, creating a sense of depth and movement. The character's coat is dark and has a wide, flowing collar. The overall style is that of a manga or anime illustration.

HATSU-
SHIBA!!
WHERE
ARE
YOU?!

I'M
COMING
FOR
YOU!!





GET
OUT
OF MY
SIGHT!

IS THAT
SO?!
THEN I
DON'T
NEED YOU,
DO I?

YOU'RE
WORTH-
LESS
TO ME!

AAAAH!



OTOGI-
KUN!

NO ONE
REALLY
THINKS
OF ME
AS A
FRIEND.

I
KNOW.

BUT...

AND
HERE
I AM,
CAUSING
TROUBLE
FOR
OTOGI-
KUN
AGAIN.

IT
HURTS.

HELP
ME--

H
a
h

AND
HE'S
HELPED
ME OUT A
COUPLE
TIMES,
BUT...

HE
JUST
TRANS-
FERRED
HERE...

WHAT?

I DON'T
THINK...

OTOGI-
KUN WILL
COME.

THIS
MAN...

HE'S
AFTER
OTOGI-
KUN?

WE'RE
NOT...

FRIENDS.

WHAT?



THE ONLY
IMPORTANT
THING
IS...

MY
BEAUTIFUL
FACE.

WHOA
...

HE'S
GOR-
GEOUS.

IN
COMPAR-
ISON...



LOOK
AT
YOU.

VILE.



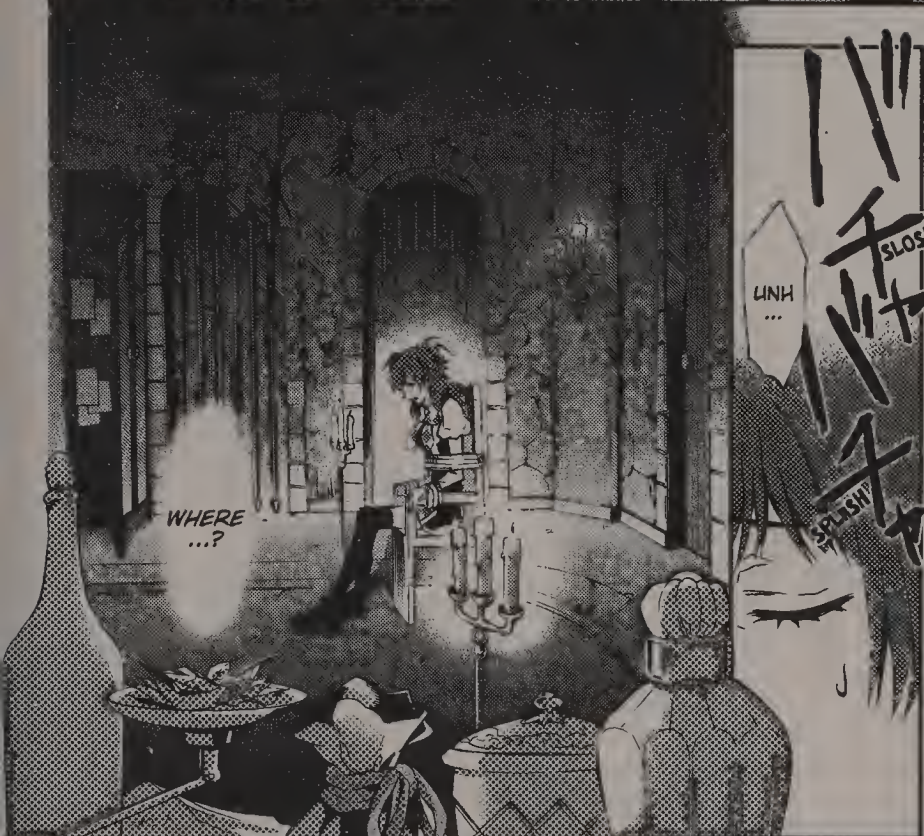
LISTEN
UP. YOU'RE
THE BAIT
TO CATCH
ONE OTOGI
GRIMM.

YOU GET
TO LIVE
UNTIL I
HAVE HIM.

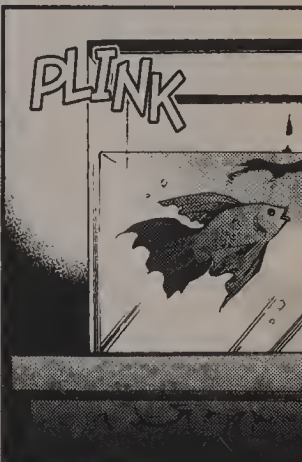
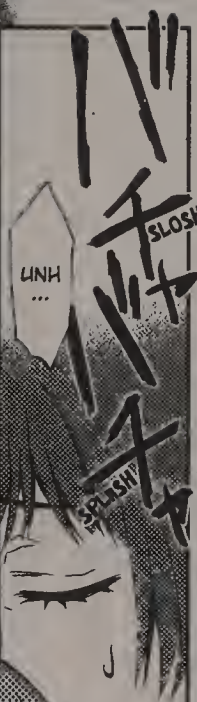
YOU'RE
AN
ASSAULT
ON MY
EYES!

NOTHING
FAIR
ABOUT
YOU.

BEADY
LITTLE
EYES.



WHERE
...?



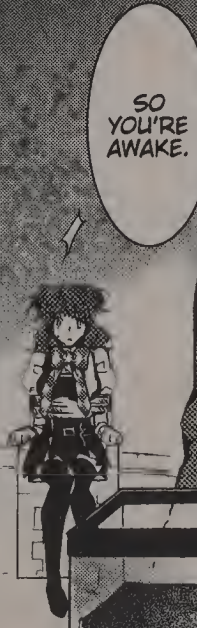
THAT
DOESN'T
MATTER.

YANK



WHERE
AM I?!

WH-
WHO
ARE YOU?

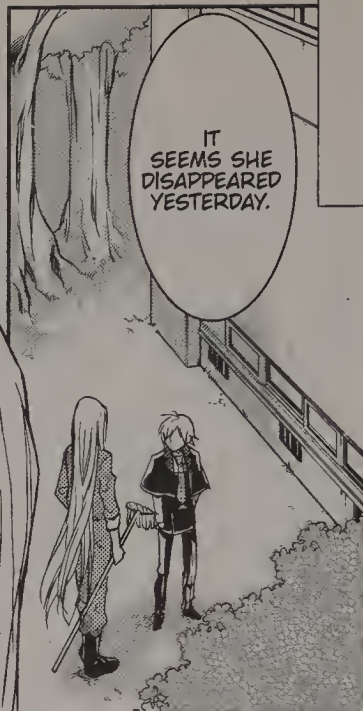


SO
YOU'RE
AWAKE.

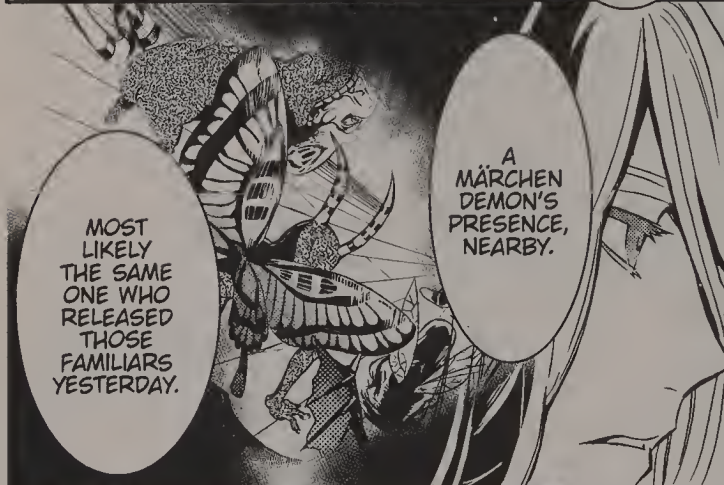


I
SENSE...

YOU GOT
ANYTHIN'?



IT
SEEMS SHE
DISAPPEARED
YESTERDAY.



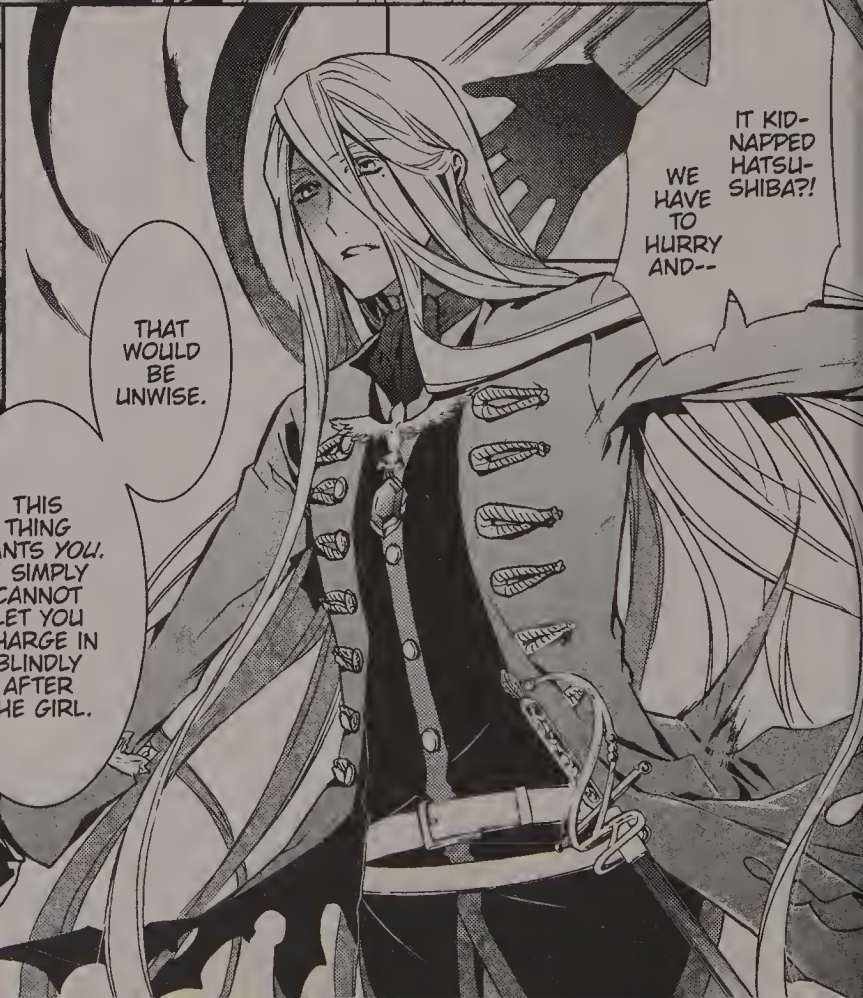
MOST
LIKELY
THE SAME
ONE WHO
RELEASED
THOSE
FAMILIARS
YESTERDAY.

A
MÄRCHEN
DEMON'S
PRESENCE,
NEARBY.

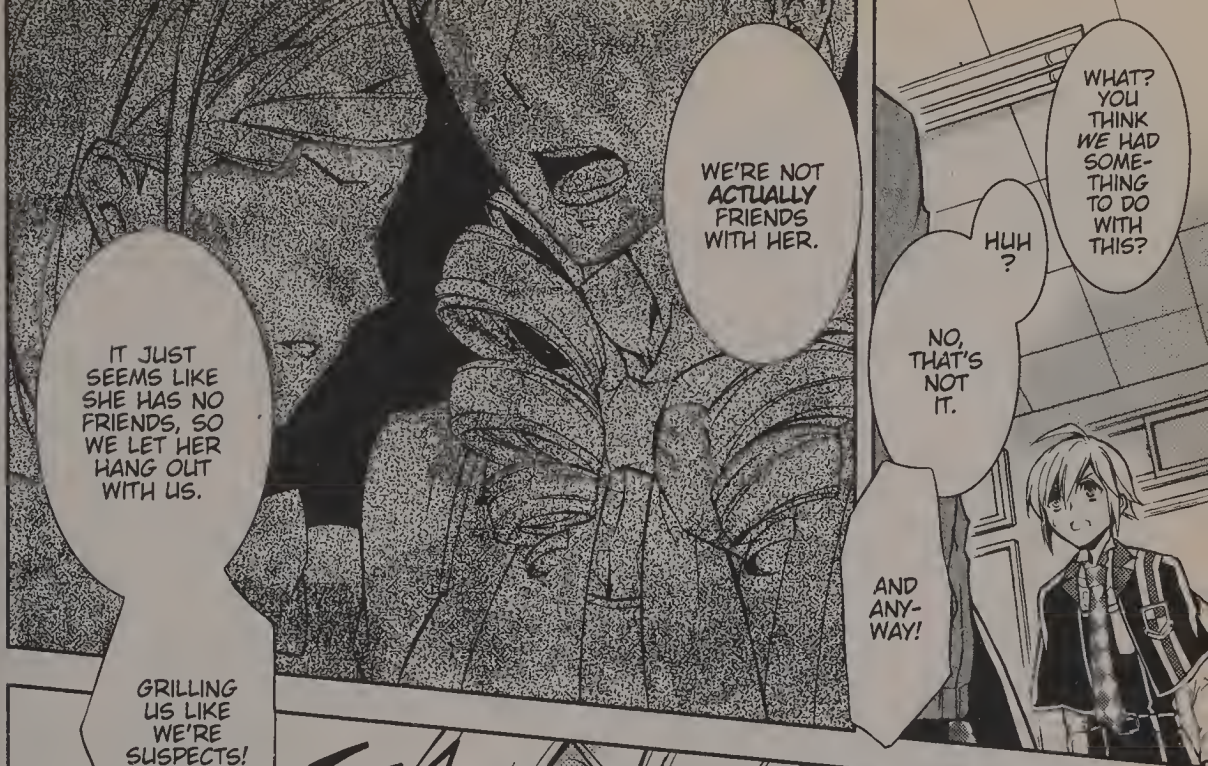


THAT
WOULD
BE
UNWISE.

THIS
THING
WANTS YOU.
I SIMPLY
CANNOT
LET YOU
CHARGE IN
BLINDLY
AFTER
THE GIRL.



IT KID-
NAPPED
HATSU-
SHIBA?!
WE
HAVE
TO
HURRY
AND--



IT JUST SEEMS LIKE SHE HAS NO FRIENDS, SO WE LET HER HANG OUT WITH US.

WE'RE NOT ACTUALLY FRIENDS WITH HER.

WHAT? YOU THINK WE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THIS?

HUH?

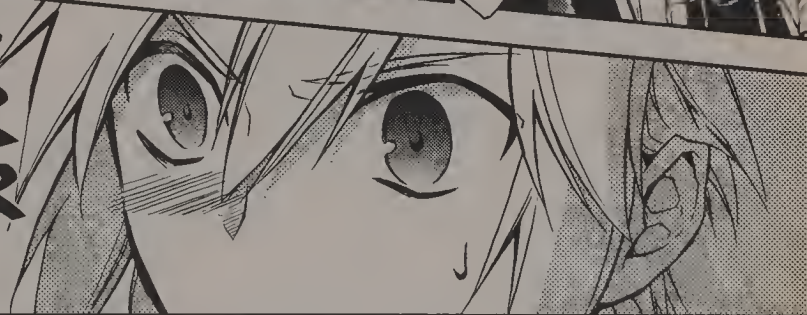
NO, THAT'S NOT IT.

AND ANYWAY!

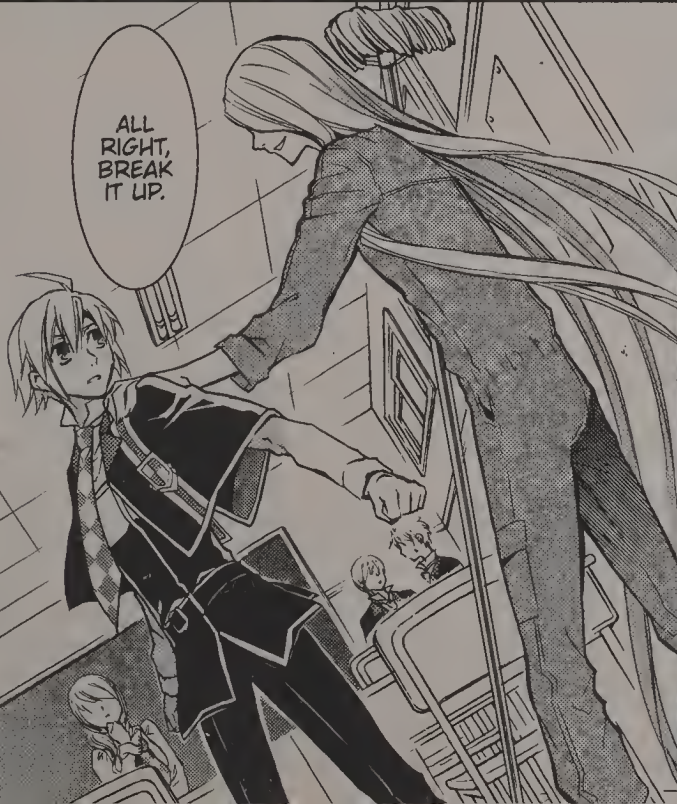


GRILLING US LIKE WE'RE SUSPECTS! TOTALLY UNCOOL!!

GRR



ALL RIGHT, BREAK IT UP.

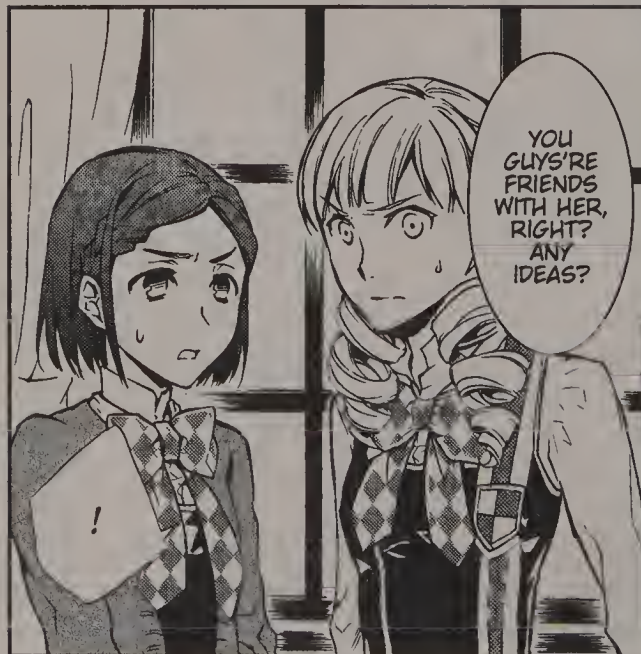
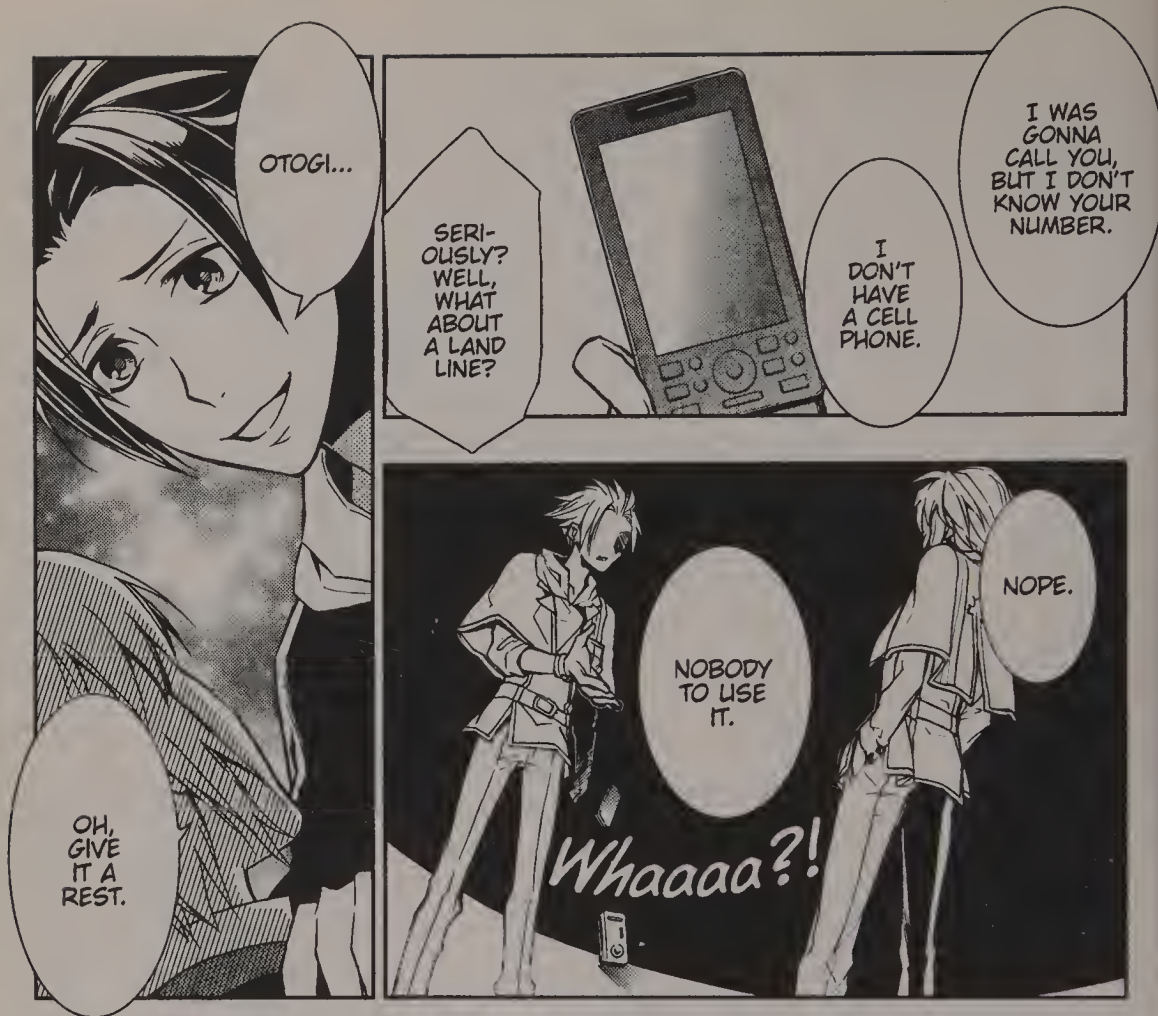


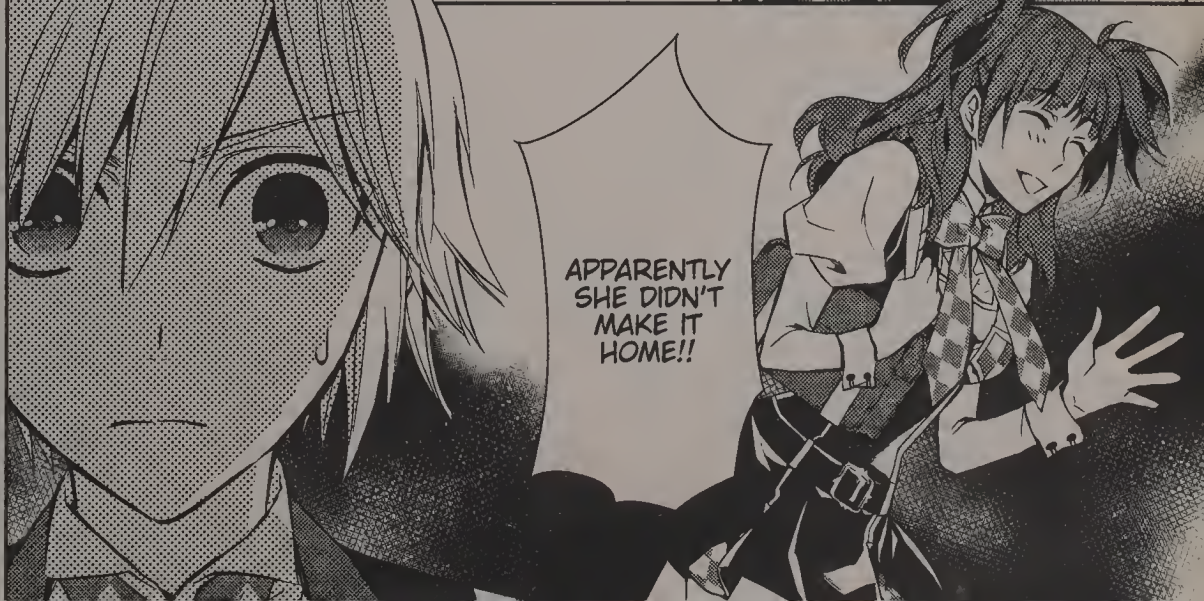
YOU GUYS...



OTO-GI!

GRAB

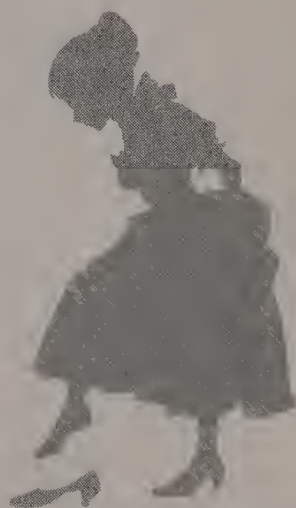






Märchen. **III** *The Captive Princess*

独裁 Dictatorial Grimoire





Dictatorial Grimoire



YOU...

ARE YOU
A FRIEND
OF OTOGI
GRIMM?

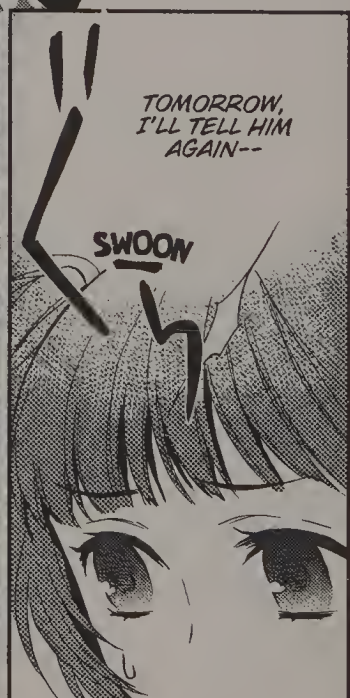
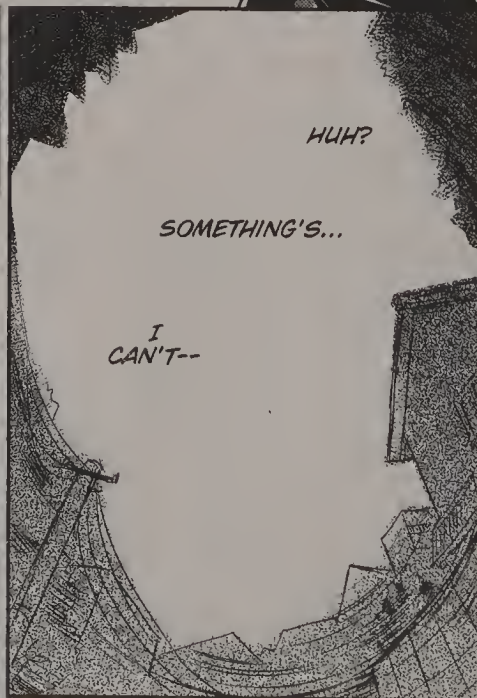
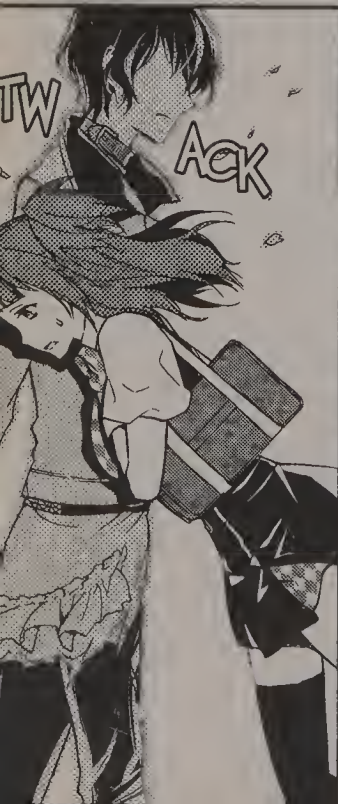
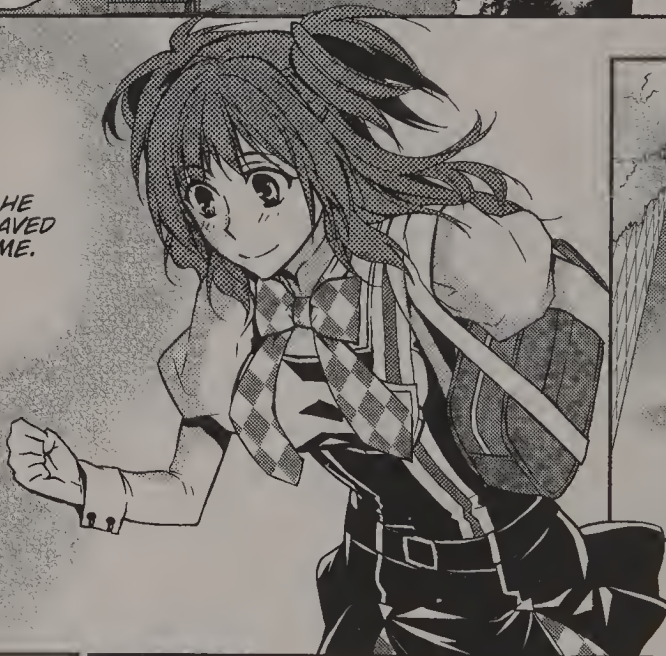


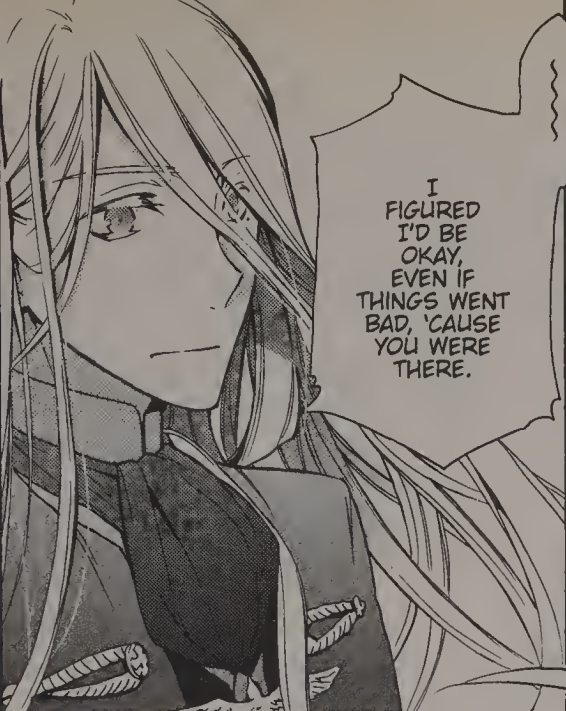
YOU...
ARE ONE
SERIOUSLY
DISTURBED
GUY.

I'M NOT
ACCUSTOMED
TO BEING
THANKED.
PERHAPS
YOU COULD
CURSE
ME OUT
INSTEAD?

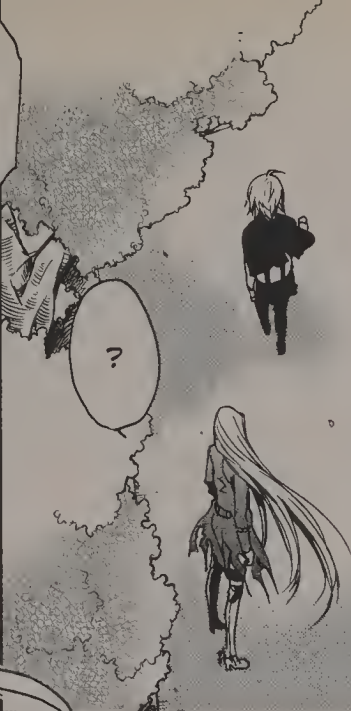
HE
SAVED
ME.

I
HOPE
HE
KNOWS
HOW
GRATEFUL
I AM.





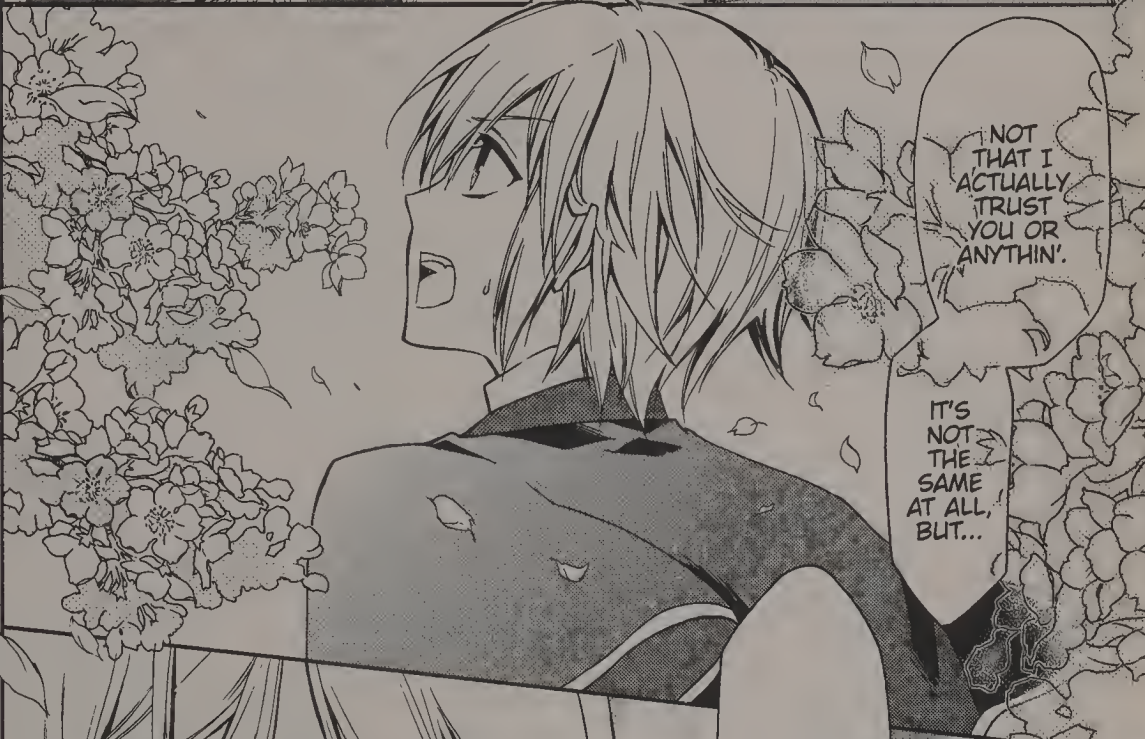
I FIGURED
I'D BE
OKAY,
EVEN IF
THINGS WENT
BAD, 'CAUSE
YOU WERE
THERE.



?

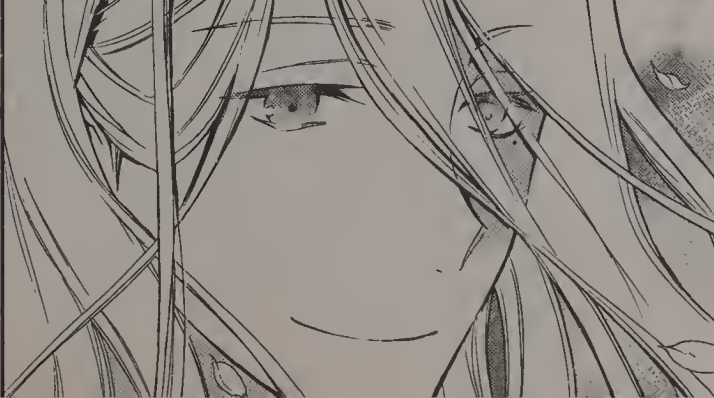
'CAUSE...

YOU
WERE
THERE.

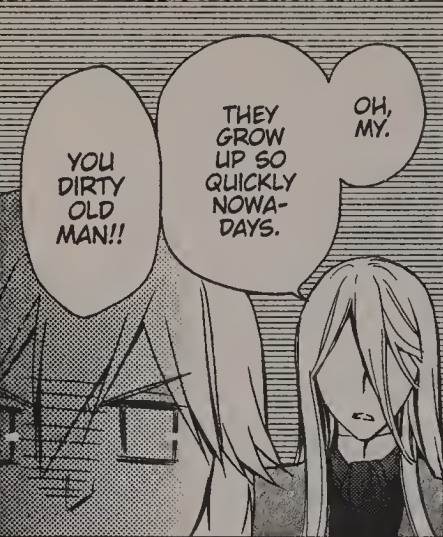


I NOT
THAT I
ACTUALLY
TRUST
YOU OR
ANYTHIN'.

IT'S
NOT
THE
SAME
AT ALL,
BUT...



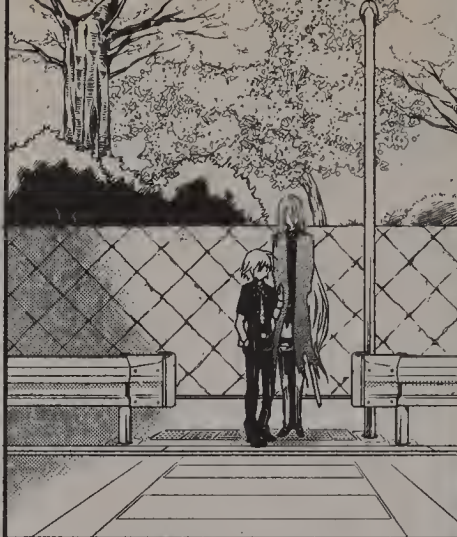
...THANKS.



YOU
DIRTY
OLD
MAN!!

THEY
GROW
UP SO
QUICKLY
NOWA-
DAYS.

OH,
MY.

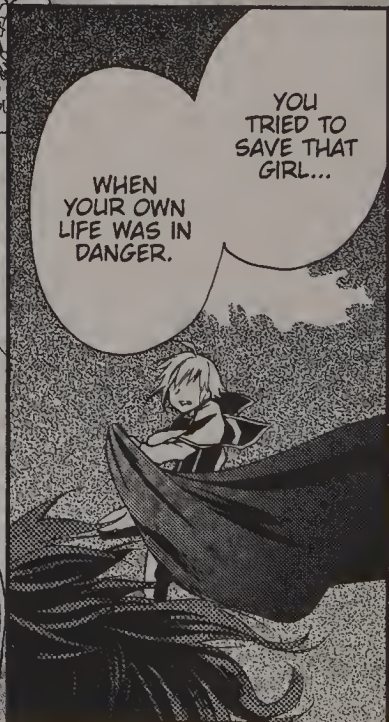


I WAS
JUST A
LITTLE
JEALOUS.

MY
APOLO-
GIES.

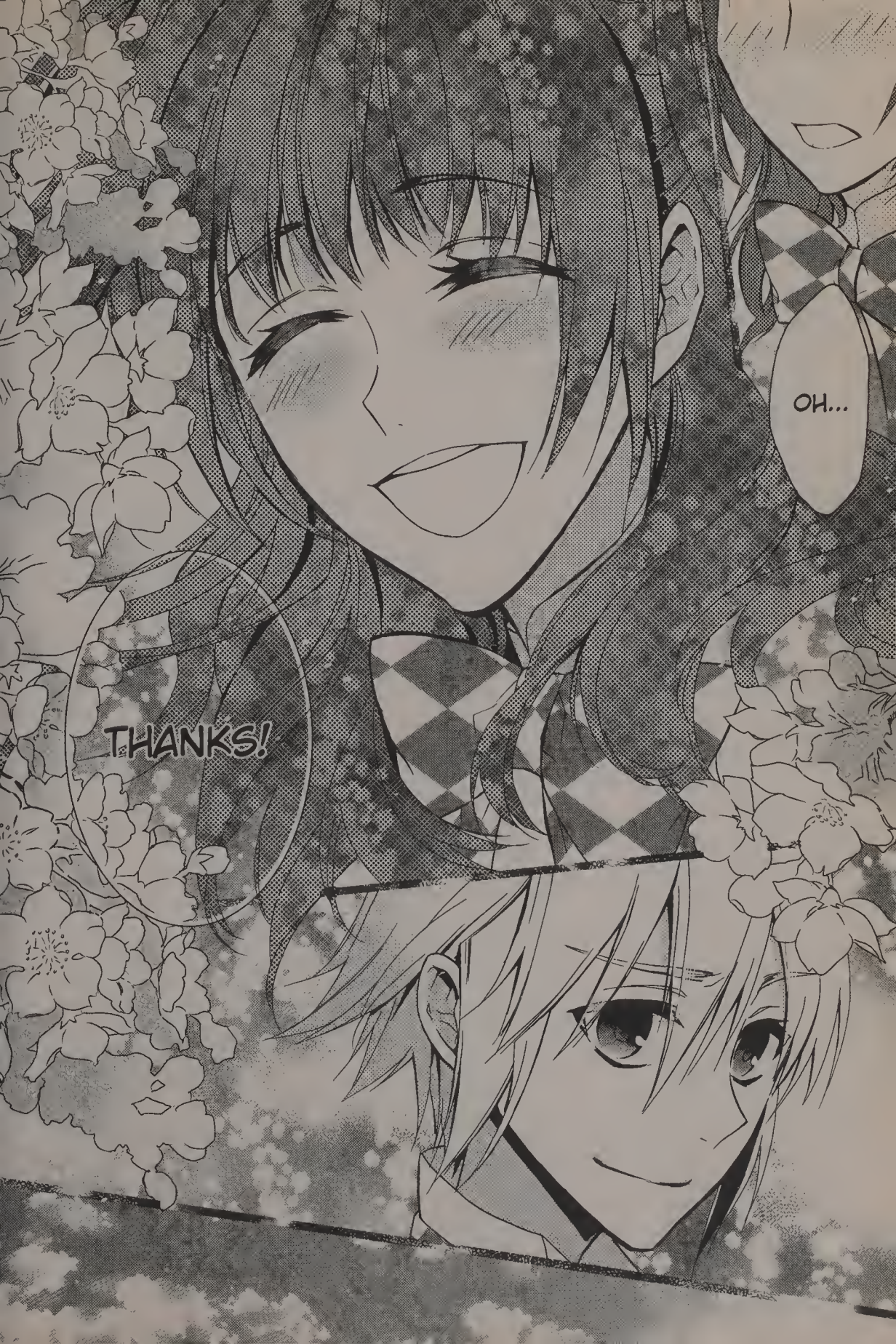


WHY DID
YOU TAKE
SUCH A
RECKLESS
RISK?



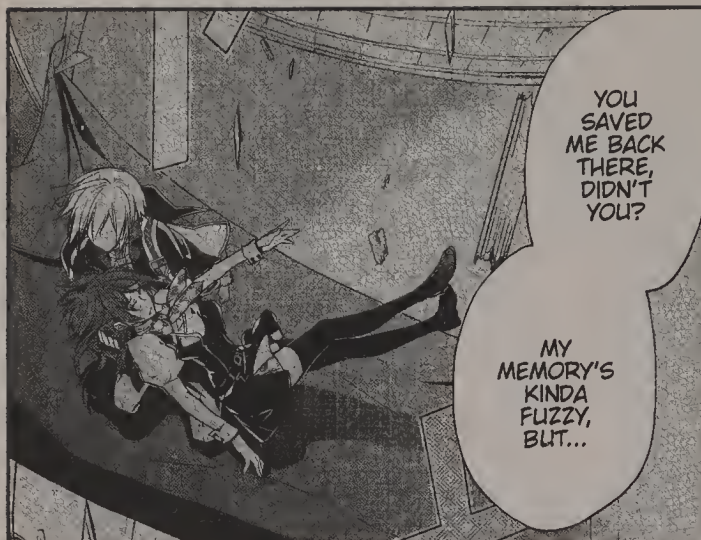
WHEN
YOUR OWN
LIFE WAS IN
DANGER.

YOU
TRIED TO
SAVE THAT
GIRL...



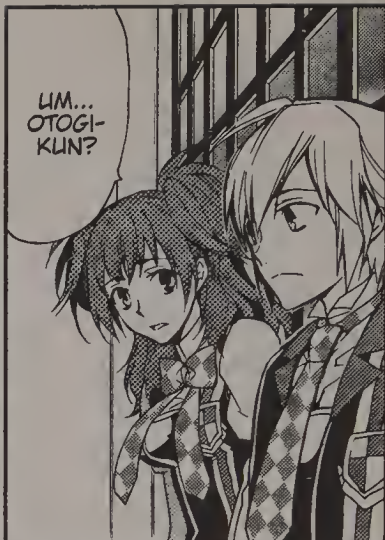
OH...

THANKS!

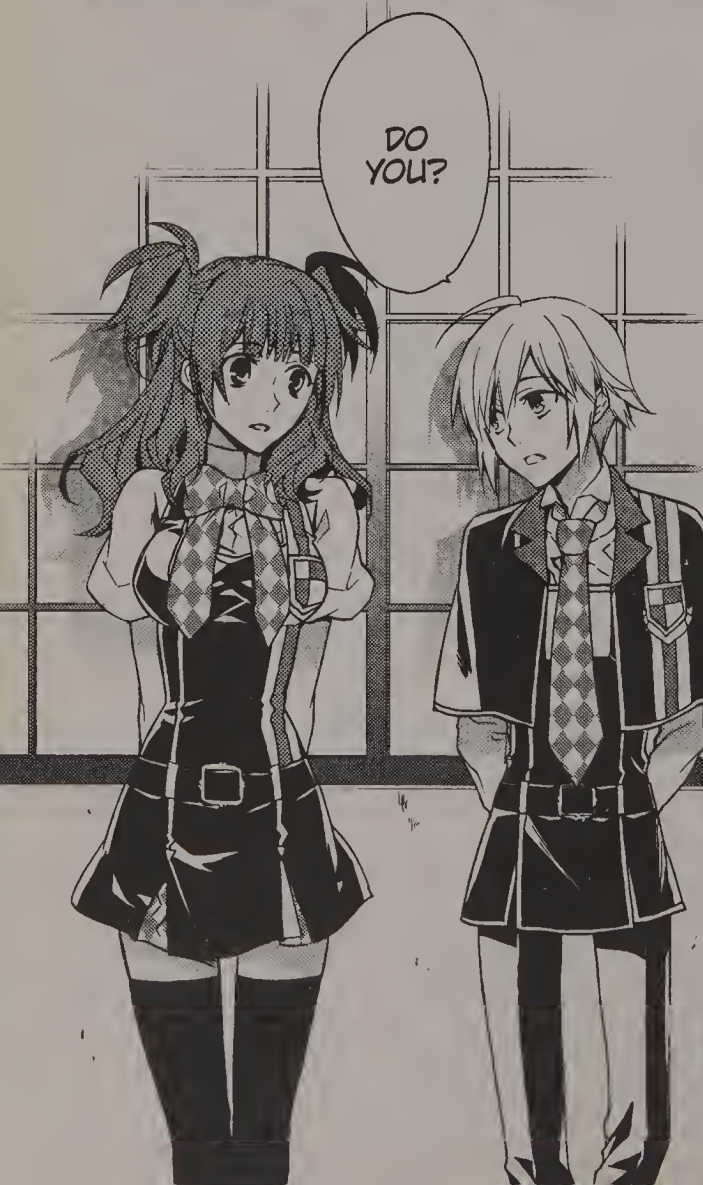


YOU
SAVED
ME BACK
THERE,
DIDN'T
YOU?

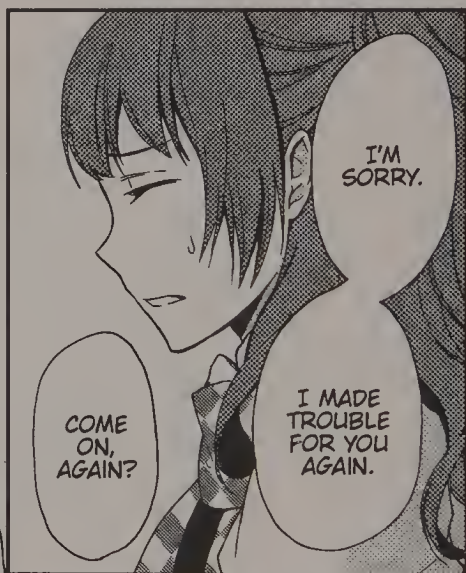
MY
MEMORY'S
KINDA
FUZZY,
BUT...



UM...
OTOGI-
KUN?



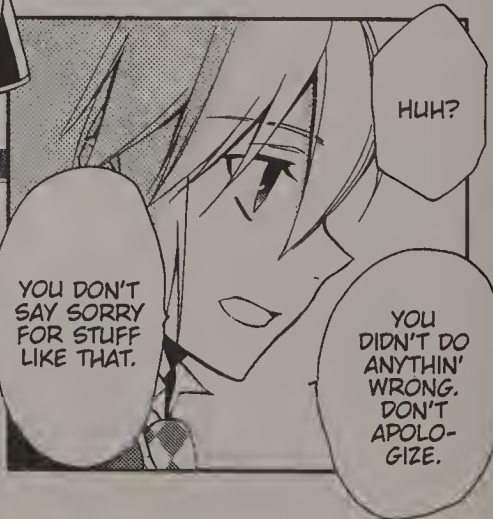
DO
YOU?



I'M
SORRY.

COME
ON,
AGAIN?

I MADE
TROUBLE
FOR YOU
AGAIN.



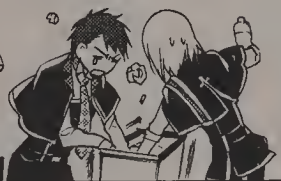
HUH?

YOU DON'T
SAY SORRY
FOR STUFF
LIKE THAT.

YOU
DIDN'T DO
ANYTHIN'
WRONG.
DON'T
APOLO-
GIZE.



You have to take the labels
and caps off PET bottles,
and leave just the bottle!
He's gonna kill us!



I CAN'T
BELIEVE
HE GOT
AWAY WITH
SUCH A
BLATANT
LIE.

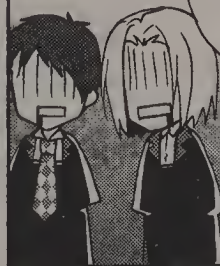
I'M
THE NEW
JANITOR.

OH, I
SEE.
WELL,
CARRY
ON.

GAH

NEXT
TIME, IT'LL
BE YOUR
FACE.

SORT
YOUR
GARBAGE.



TEACHERS' OFFICE, BOTH OF YOU. NOW.

YOU HAVE A LOT OF NERVE, SNEAKING OUT OF FIRST-PERIOD BIOLOGY.

Yes, sir...

AND THEN THERE'S HIM...

I can't believe I skipped school again!

Teachers' Office

AND NOW...

SO EMBARRASSING...

HE MAKES US STAND IN THE HALL.

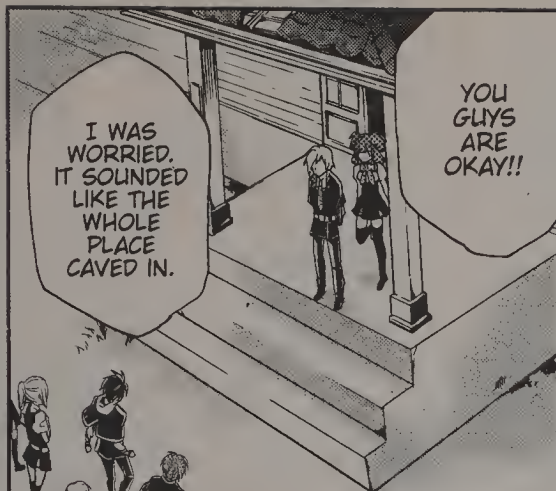
AFTER LECTURIN' US FOR A WHOLE HOUR...

No way!

So, then he...!

TOSS

Burnable garbage

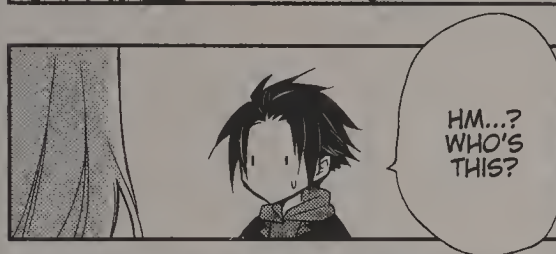


I WAS WORRIED.
IT SOUNDED
LIKE THE
WHOLE
PLACE
CAVED IN.

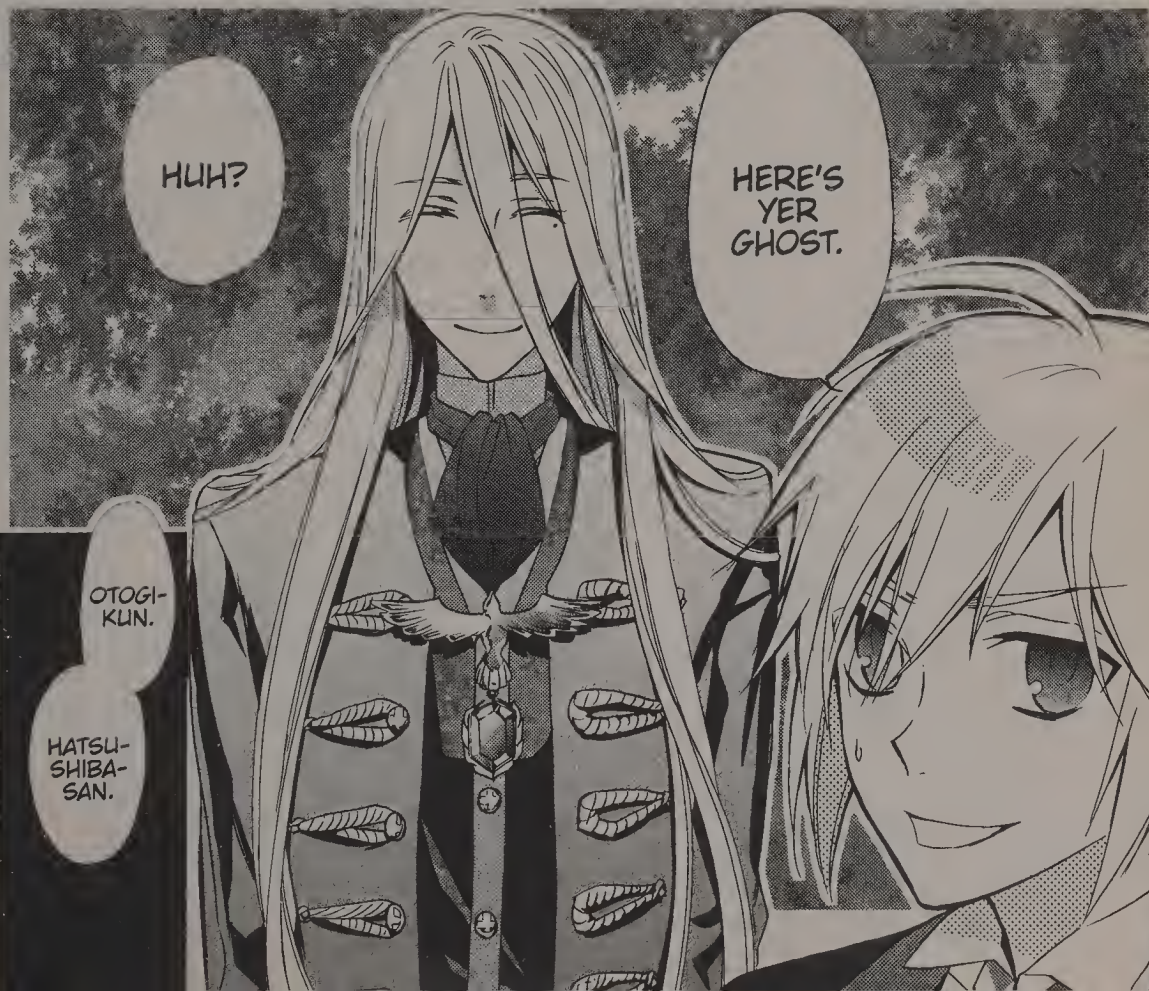
YOU
GUYS
ARE
OKAY!!



OTOGI!!!
HATSU-
SHIBA!!



HM...?
WHO'S
THIS?

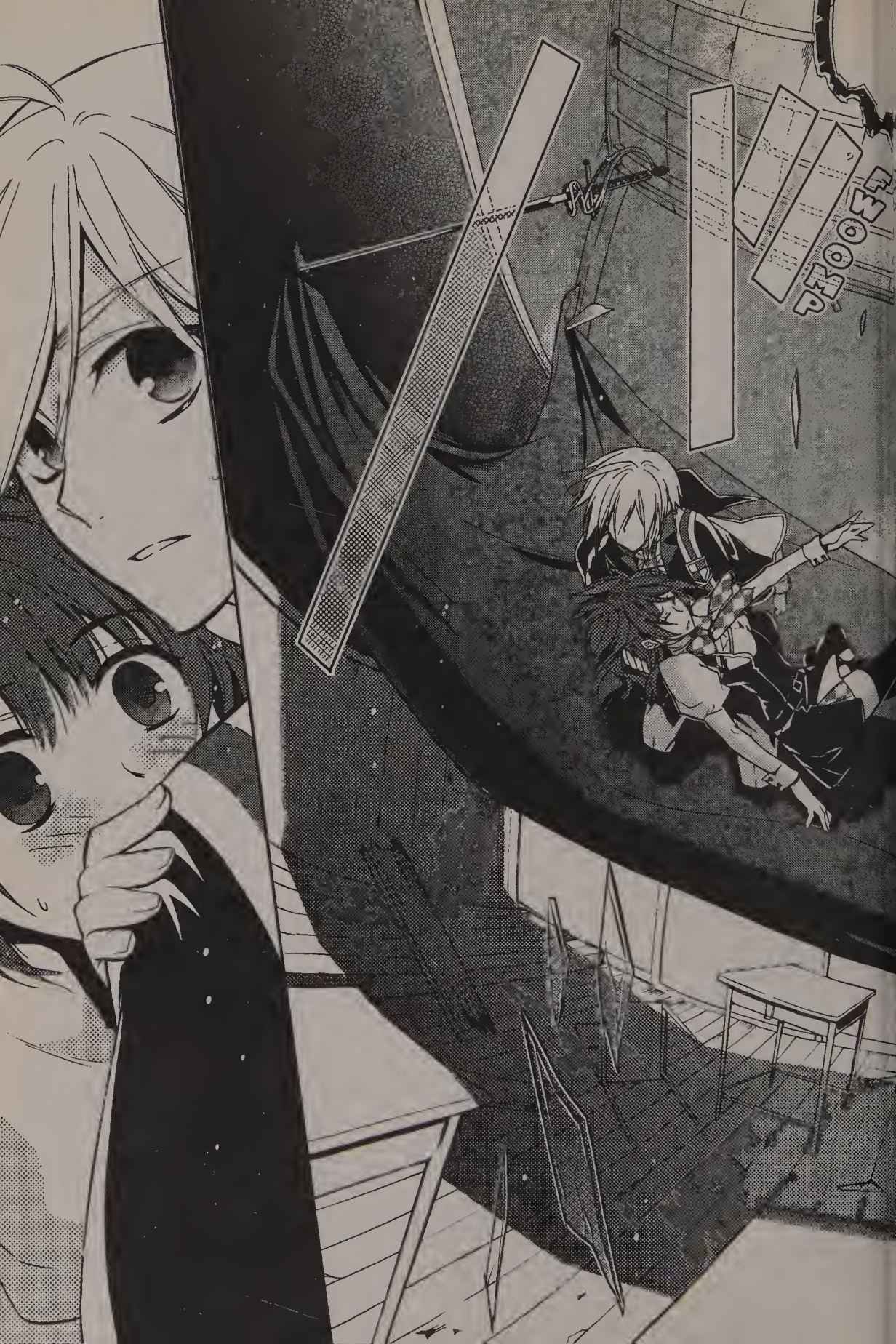


HUH?

HERE'S
YER
GHOST.

OTOGI-
KUN.

HATSU-
SHIBA-
SAN.

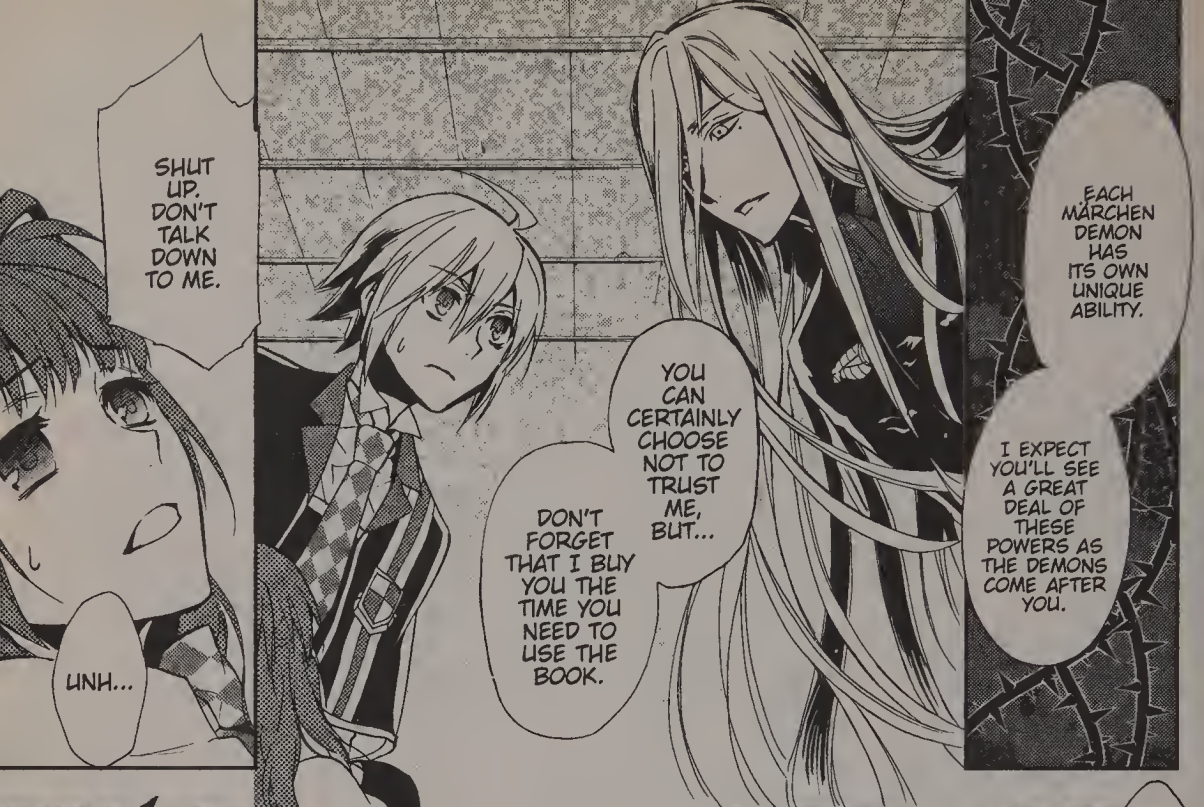


"THEY'RE
GOING
TO TEAR
THE OLD
BUILDING
DOWN
RIGHT?
BECAUSE
IT'S TOTALLY
DECREPIT?"

CINDERELLA!

GOTCHA!
LIKE THIS!

ACE



SHUT
UP.
DON'T
TALK
DOWN
TO ME.

UNH...

DON'T
FORGET
THAT I BUY
YOU THE
TIME YOU
NEED TO
USE THE
BOOK.

YOU
CAN
CERTAINLY
CHOOSE
NOT TO
TRUST
ME,
BUT...

EACH
MÄRCHEN
DEMON
HAS
ITS OWN
UNIQUE
ABILITY.

I EXPECT
YOU'LL SEE
A GREAT
DEAL OF
THESE
POWERS AS
THE DEMONS
COME AFTER
YOU.



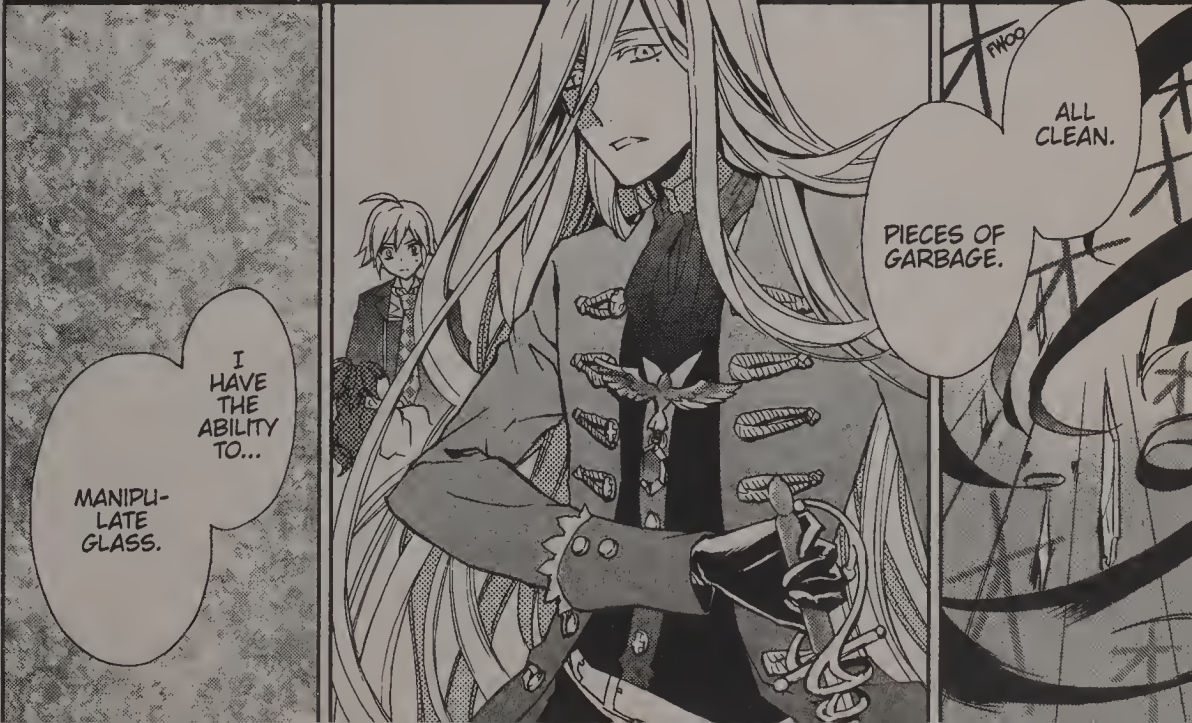
HATSU-
SHIBA!!

OTOGI-
KUN...?

CRACK

CRACK

CRACK

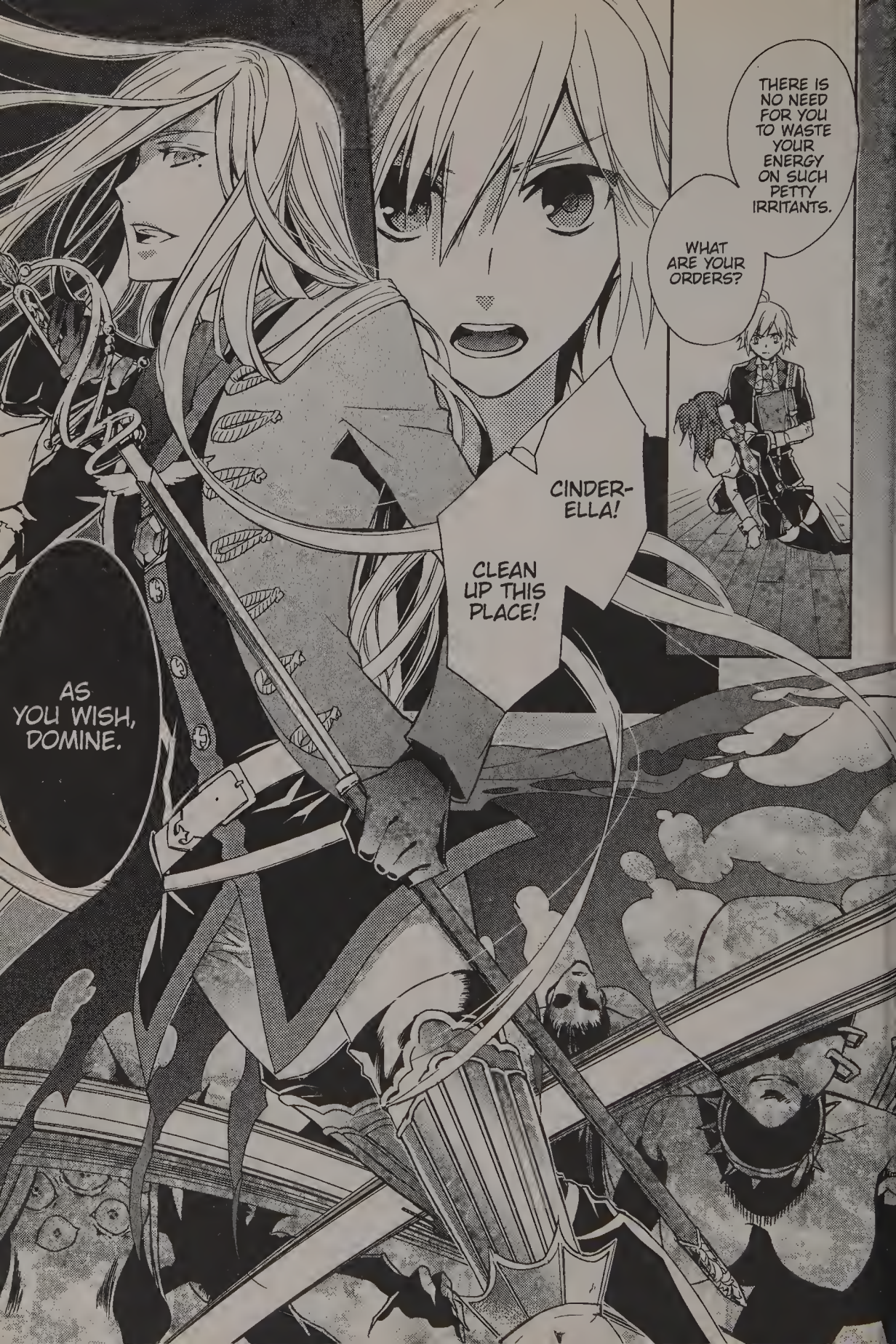


MANIPU-
LATE
GLASS.

I
HAVE
THE
ABILITY
TO...

PIECES OF
GARBAGE.

ALL
CLEAN.



THERE IS
NO NEED
FOR YOU
TO WASTE
YOUR
ENERGY
ON SUCH
PETTY
IRRITANTS.

WHAT
ARE YOUR
ORDERS?

CINDER-
ELLA!

CLEAN
UP THIS
PLACE!

AS
YOU WISH,
DOMINE.

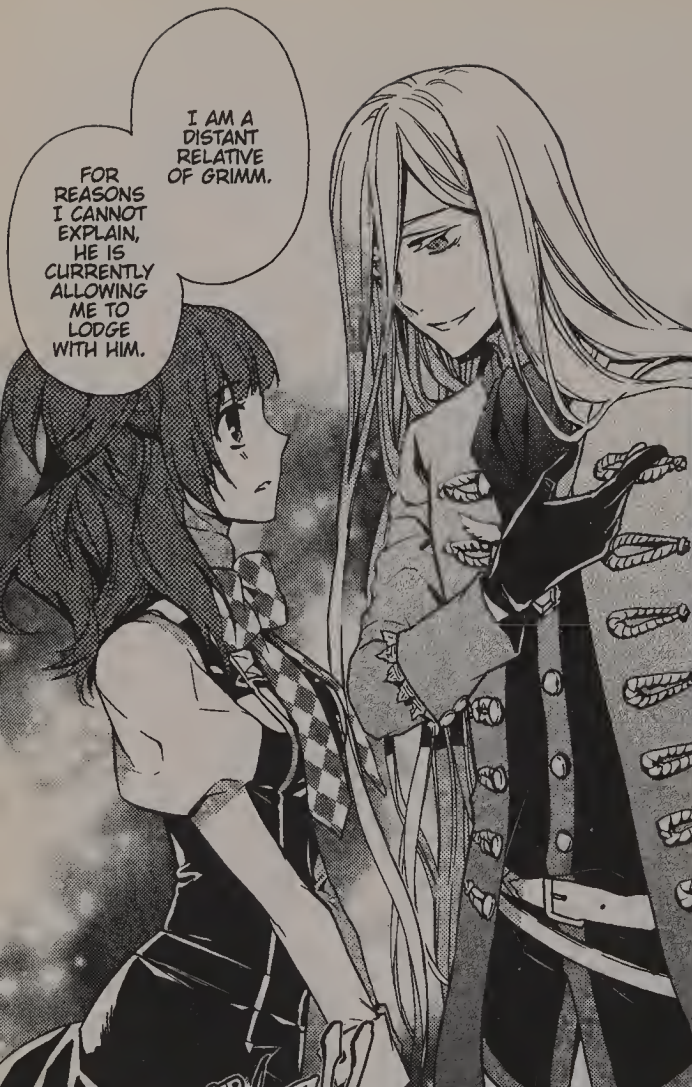


AND YOU
DON'T WANT
THESE THINGS
TO CATCH US
OFF GUARD,
DO YOU?

IT SEEMS
SOMEONE
LOOSED
THEM HERE
TO HUNT
YOU OUT.

LOW-
RANKING
FAMILIARS.

...
!!



FOR REASONS I CANNOT EXPLAIN, HE IS CURRENTLY ALLOWING ME TO LODGE WITH HIM.

I AM A DISTANT RELATIVE OF GRIMM.

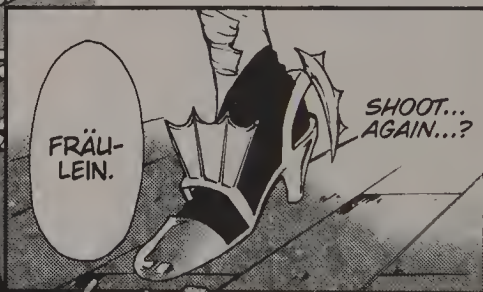


EEK! I'M SORRY!

DO WE LOOK LIKE BROTHERS?!

WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?!

SEER!



FRÄULEIN.

SHOOT... AGAIN...?



SLUMP.

HEY!

IT WON'T DO TO HAVE HER SEE ANYTHING.

OH, IS HE?

THAT'S...

SPLASH

--PLEASE STAND BY--

UJENG
UJENG
UJENG



FROM
CONFUSION
TO CONVIC-
TION?

NEVER
MIND!
YOU
ARE AN
IDIOT!!

ARE
YOU AN
IDIOT?!

HEH
HEH
HEH...

THE
RAPTURE
OF BEING
PUSHED
TO MY
PAIN
THRESH-
OLD...

oh
oh

Oh
oh
oh

OOH.
SORRY FOR
SCARING
YOU,
CLASSMATE A.

UM...

WHO'S THIS,
OTOGI-KUN?
YOUR OLDER
BROTHER?

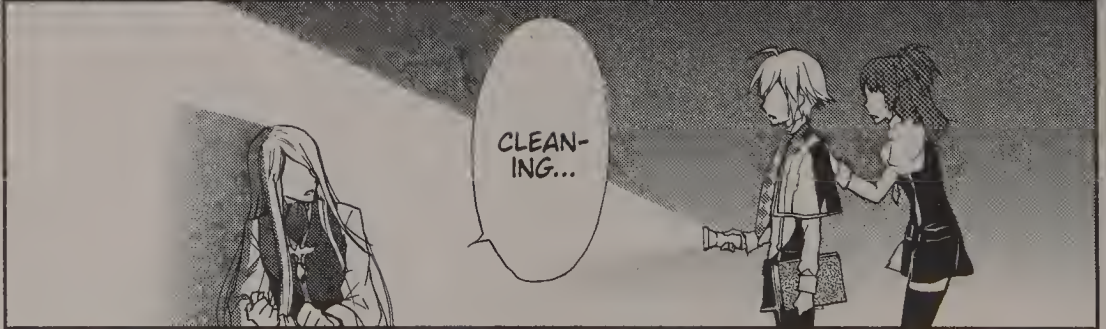
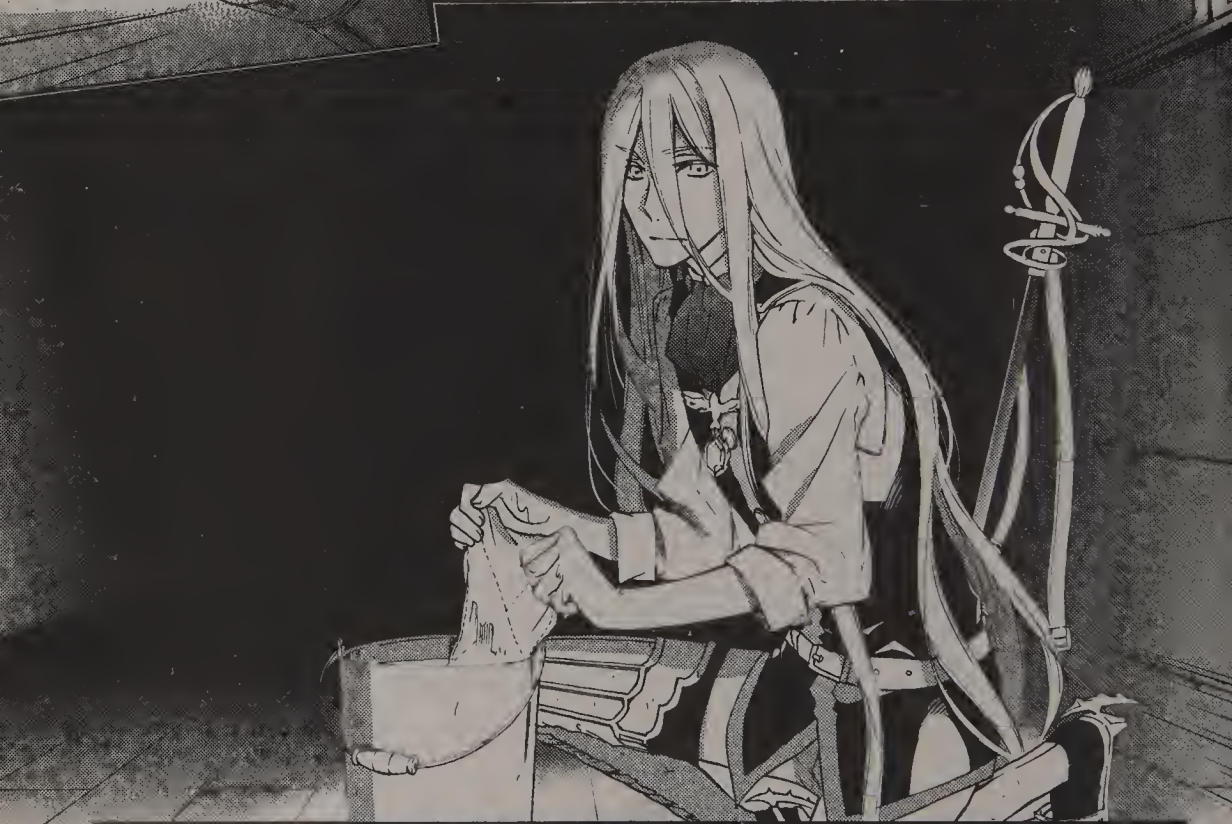
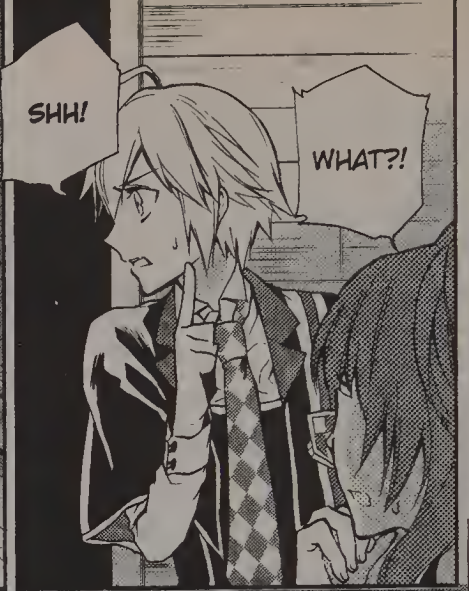
COMMENCE
WASHING
THE FLOOR.

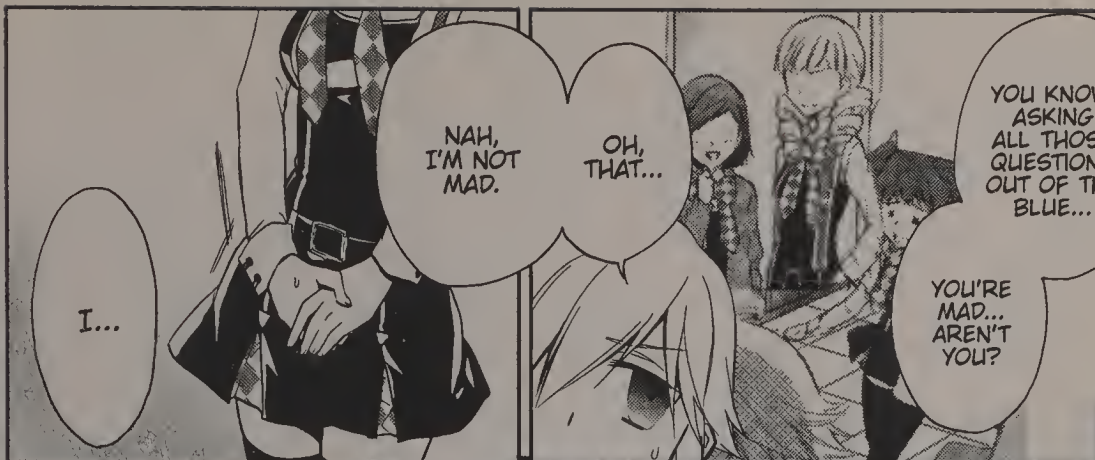
I
SENSED THE
PRESENCE
OF ANOTHER
DEMON, SO
I CAME
AHEAD
OF YOU.

BUT
SEEING THE
DISASTROUS
STATE OF THIS
BUILDING, I
JUST COULDN'T
HELP MYSELF.

WHAT
IS YOUR
PROBLEM?!
YOU CLEAN
FREAK!!

UJENG
UJENG
UJENG





I...

NAH,
I'M NOT
MAD.

OH,
THAT...

YOU KNOW,
ASKING
ALL THOSE
QUESTIONS
OUT OF THE
BLUE...

YOU'RE
MAD...
AREN'T
YOU?



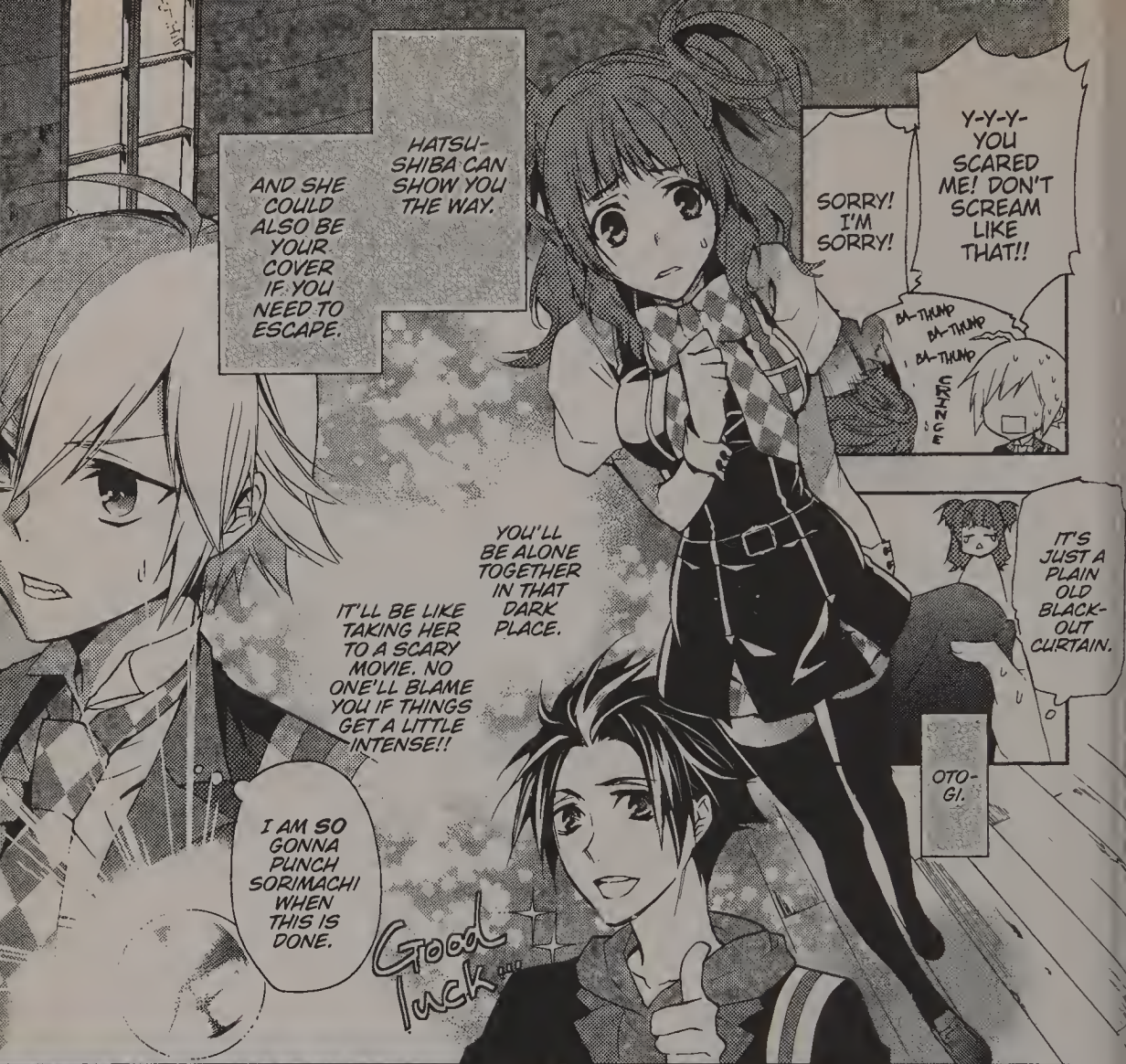
SO...
I'M
SORRY.

EVERYONE'S
ALWAYS
TELLING
ME I'M
COMPLETELY
CLUELESS.

I
GUESS
I ANNOY
PEOPLE
AROUND
ME.

KLATTER

LOOK--



AND SHE
COULD
ALSO BE
YOUR
COVER
IF YOU
NEED TO
ESCAPE.

HATSU-
SHIBA CAN
SHOW YOU
THE WAY.

SORRY!
I'M
SORRY!

Y-Y-Y-Y-
YOU
SCARED
ME! DON'T
SCREAM
LIKE
THAT!!

BA-THUMP
BA-THUMP
BA-THUMP

MS ZHIN

IT'LL BE LIKE
TAKING HER
TO A SCARY
MOVIE. NO
ONE'LL BLAME
YOU IF THINGS
GET A LITTLE
INTENSE!!

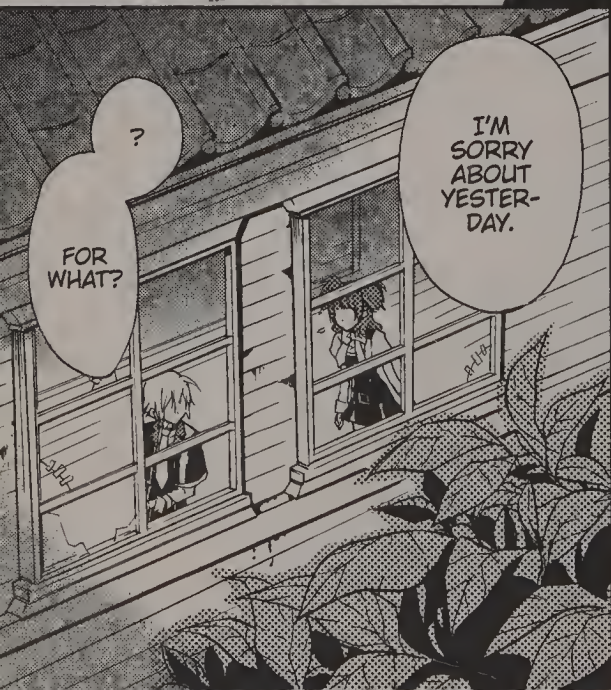
YOU'LL
BE ALONE
TOGETHER
IN THAT
DARK
PLACE.

I AM SO
GONNA
PUNCH
SORIMACHI
WHEN
THIS IS
DONE.

Good
Luck!!!

IT'S
JUST A
PLAIN
OLD
BLACK-
OUT
CURTAIN.

OTO-
GI.

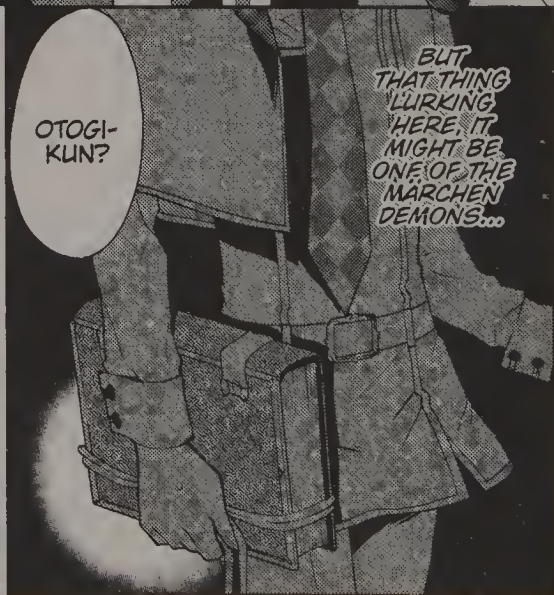


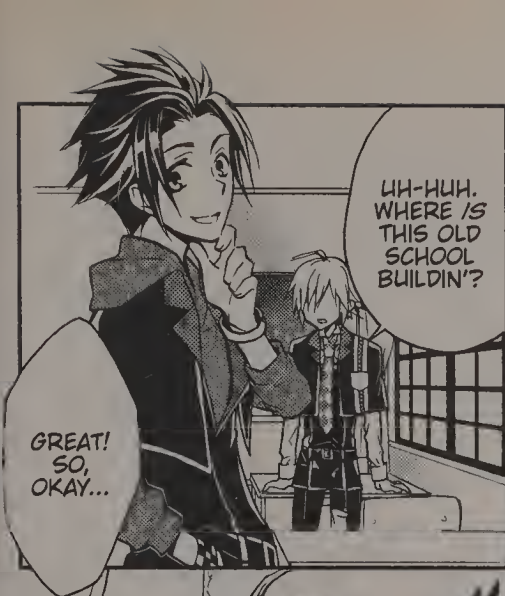
FOR
WHAT?

I'M
SORRY
ABOUT
YESTER-
DAY.

OTOGI-
KUN?

BUT
THAT THING
'LURKING'
HERE, IT
MIGHT BE
ONE OF THE
MARCHEN
DEMONS...



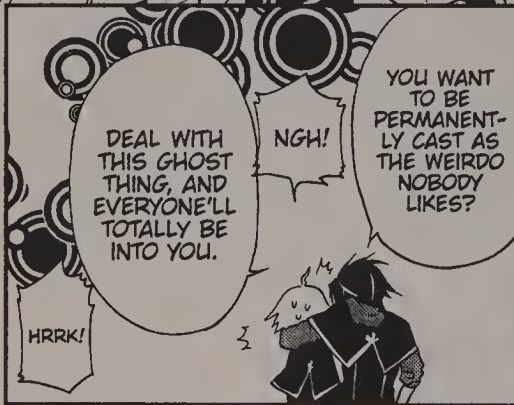




OTOGI
GRIMM-SENSEI
HERE'S GONNA
CHECK IT OUT
RIGHT NOW,
AND HE'LL
GET RID OF
YOUR GHOST
LIKE THAT!!



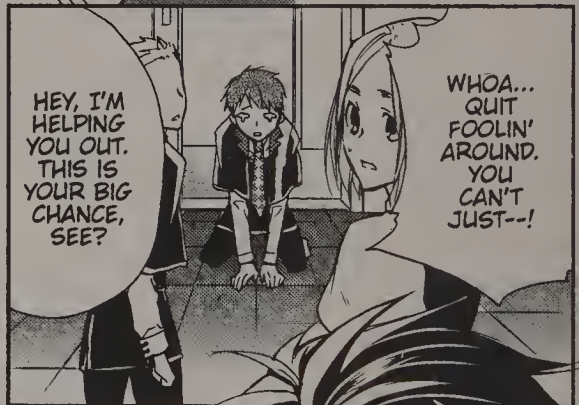
HM. OKAY,
I'VE GOT
A PLAN.



DEAL WITH
THIS GHOST
THING, AND
EVERYONE'LL
TOTALLY BE
INTO YOU.

NGH!

YOU WANT
TO BE
PERMANENTLY
CAST AS THE
WEIRDO
NOBODY
LIKES?



HEY, I'M
HELPING
YOU OUT.
THIS IS
YOUR BIG
CHANCE,
SEE?

WHOA...
QUIT
FOOLIN'
AROUND.
YOU
CAN'T
JUST--!



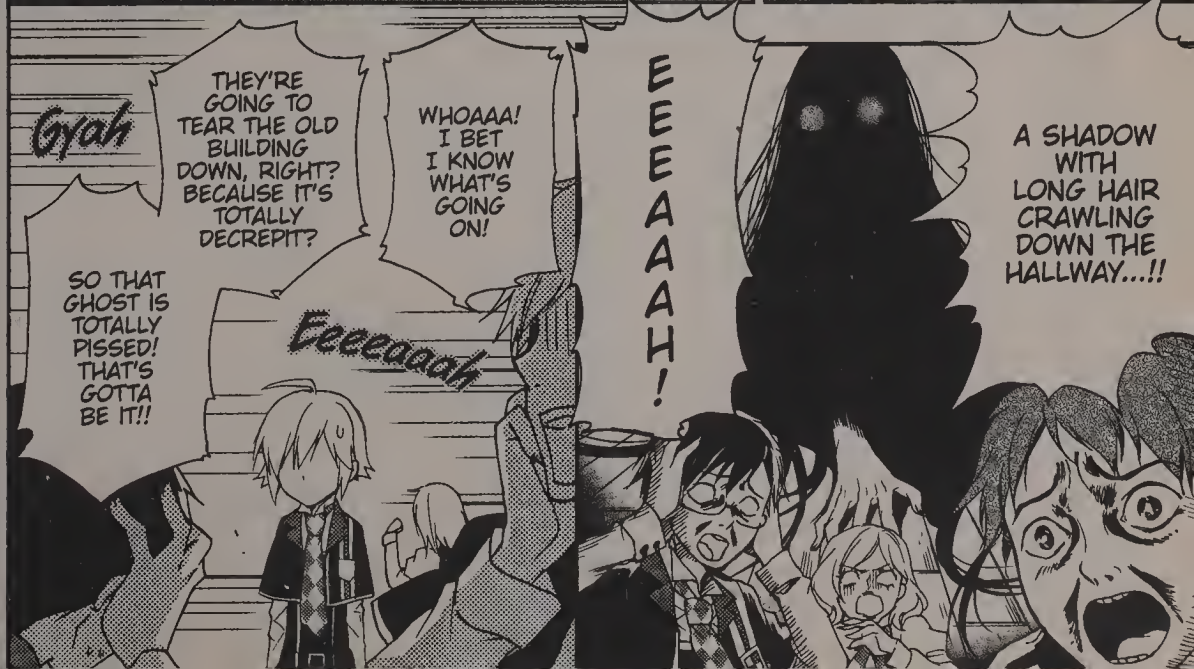
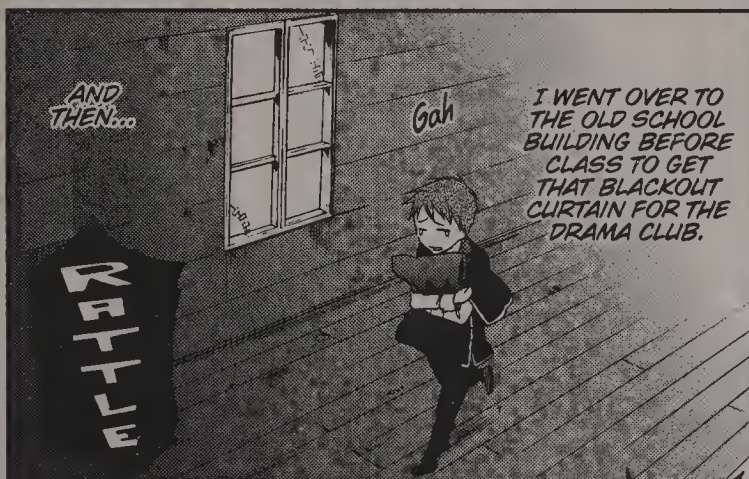
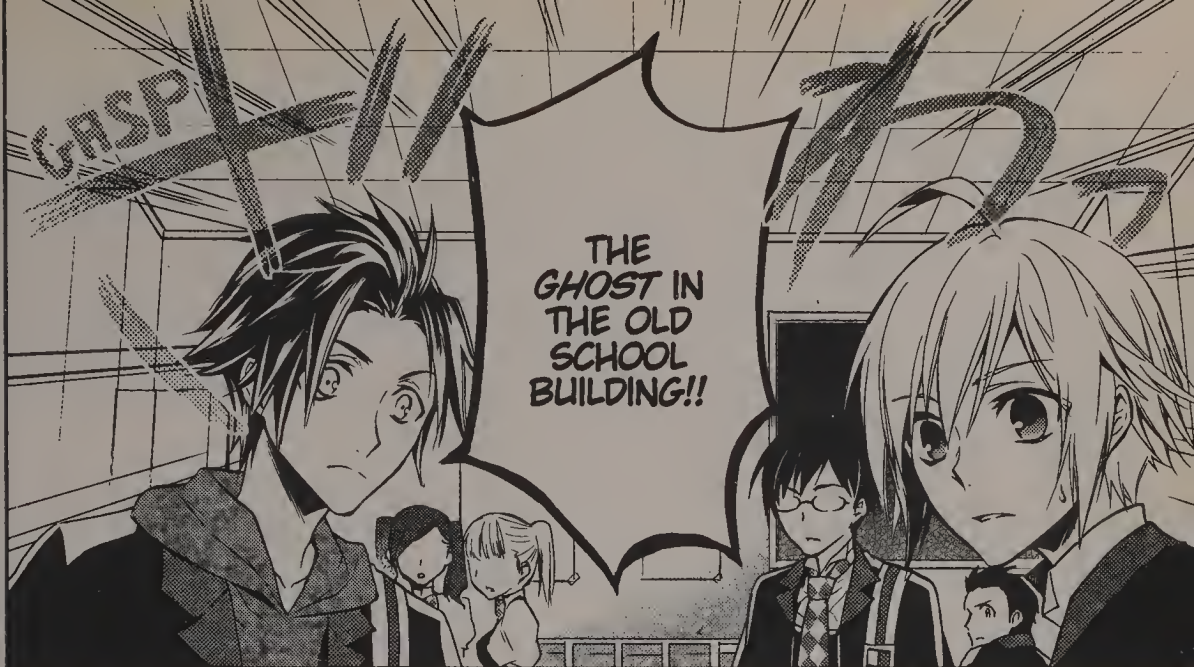
AND
IT'LL
BE
AWESOME!

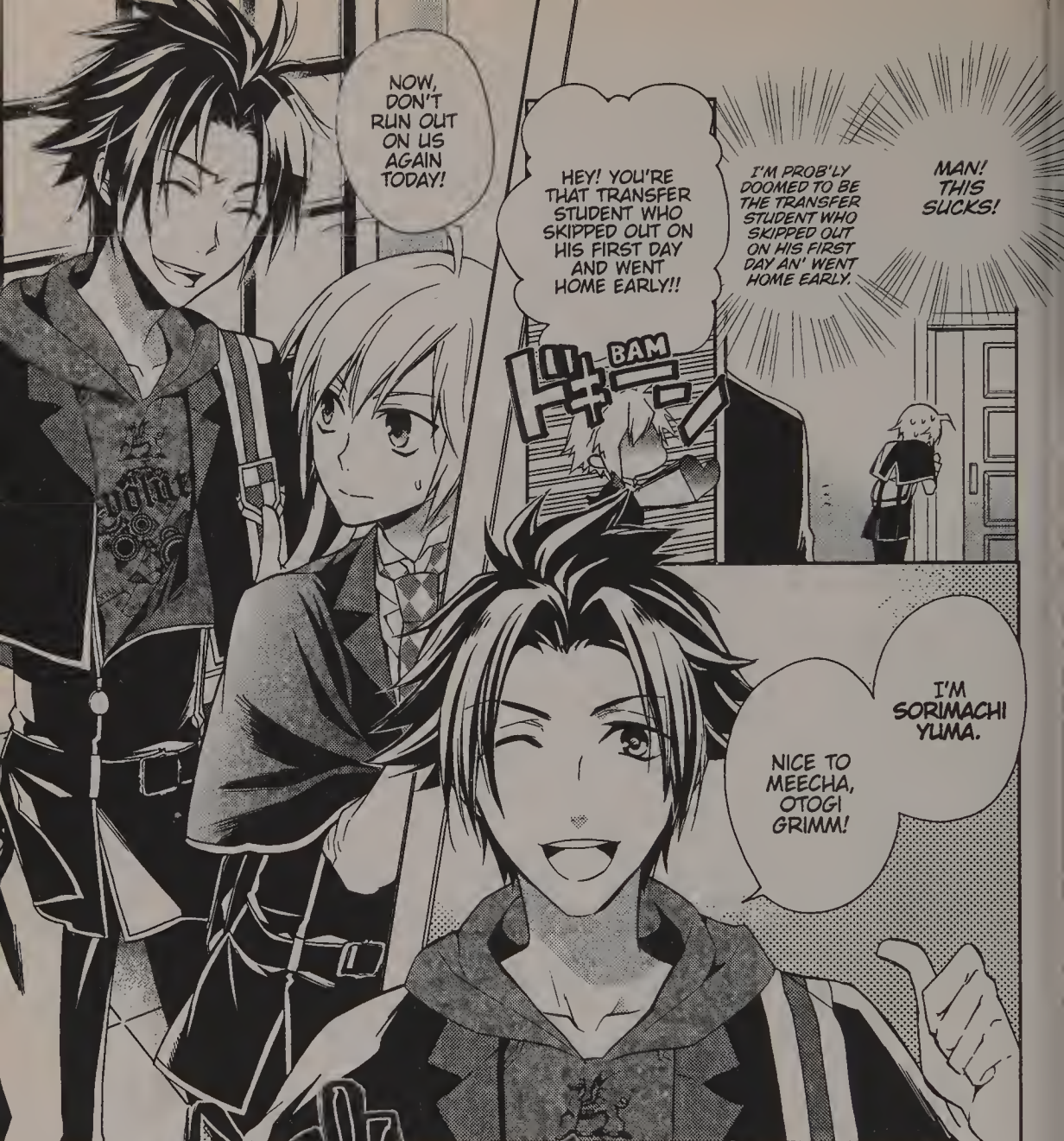
Y'KNOW,
SORIMACHI,
THIS IS
SOUNDING
AWFULLY
FAMILIAR.

Hero...



YOU'LL
BE LIKE
A HERO.





NOW,
DON'T
RUN OUT
ON US
AGAIN
TODAY!

HEY! YOU'RE
THAT TRANSFER
STUDENT WHO
SKIPPED OUT
ON HIS FIRST DAY
AND WENT
HOME EARLY!!

I'M PROB'LY
DOOMED TO BE
THE TRANSFER
STUDENT WHO
SKIPPED OUT
ON HIS FIRST
DAY AN' WENT
HOME EARLY.

MAN!
THIS
SUCKS!

BAM
T#=#

I'M
SORIMACHI
YUMA.

NICE TO
MEECHA,
OTOGI
GRIMM!



I-I-I-I-I
SAW IT!!

WHAM

WOW,
YOU'RE
NO FUN.

YOU'RE
GOING
TO HAVE A
HARD TIME
WHEN YOU
GET OUT OF
SCHOOL,
Y'KNOW.

SHUT
UP! JUST
LEAVE ME
ALONE.
WHAT'S
YOUR
PROBLEM?



CAN I
CALL YOU
"GRIRIRI"?

NO.

CAN'T
TRUST
ANY-
ONE...

"I WAS
TOLD I
COULD HAVE
YOUR SOUL IF
YOU WEREN'T
GOING TO
FIGHT."

I
COULDN'T
SLEEP.
AT. ALL.

HE'S JUST
PROTECTING
ME 'CAUSE
OF SOME
AGREEMENT.

I
CAN'T
TRUST
HIM.

I'M MORE
WORRIED THAT
EVERYONE IN
MY CLASS
IS GONNA
HATE ME.

KNOWING
THAT
MONSTERS
ARE TRYING
TO KILL
ME WILL
DO THAT.

BUT
RIGHT
NOW...

SNEAK



YOU'RE
JUST
HERE AS
MUSCLE.

I'M
THE ONE
WITH A
BUNCH O'
LUNATIC
DEMONS
TRYING
TO KILL
ME.

IT'S
NOT
LIKE I
TRUST
YOU.

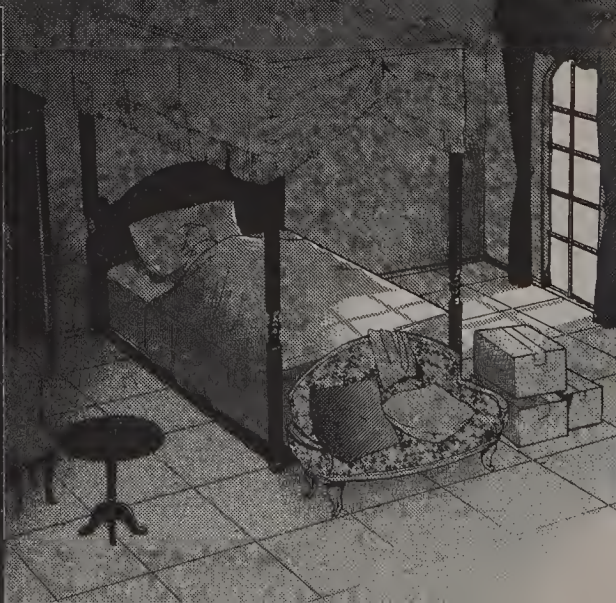


YOU
STAND
GUARD.

I'M
GOIN'
TO
BED.

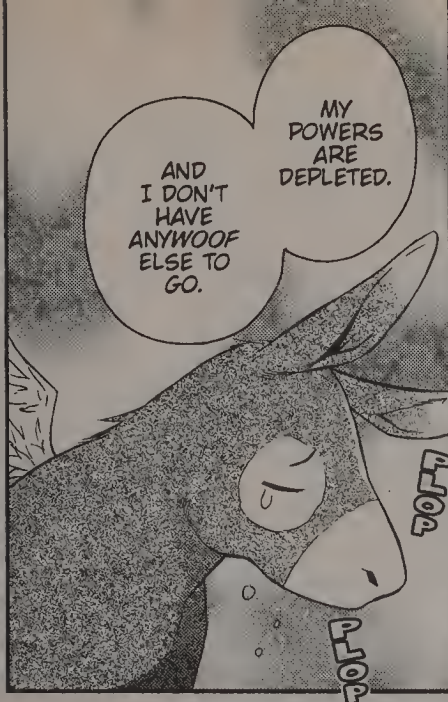


HELL
SERVE
MY
PUR-
POSES
FOR
NOW.



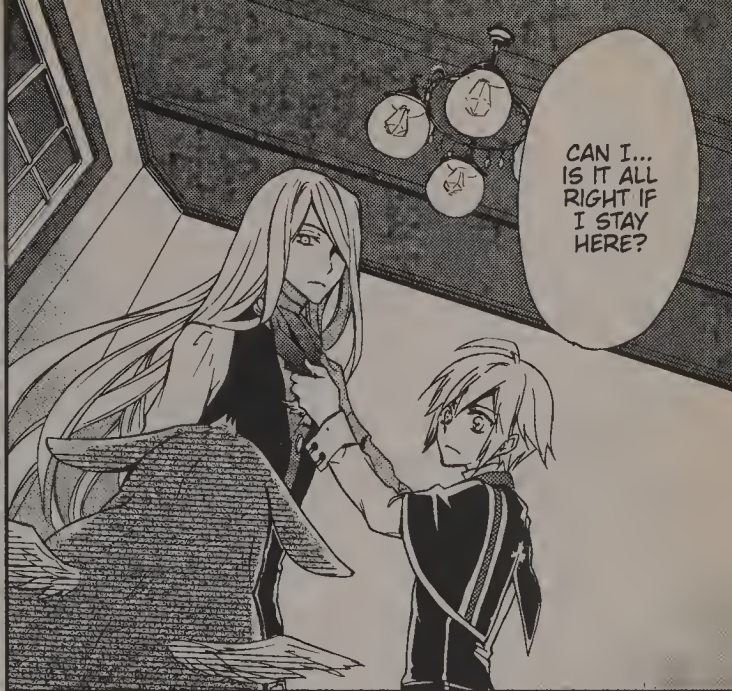
AS YOU
WISH...

DOMINE.



AND
I DON'T
HAVE
ANYWOOF
ELSE TO
GO.

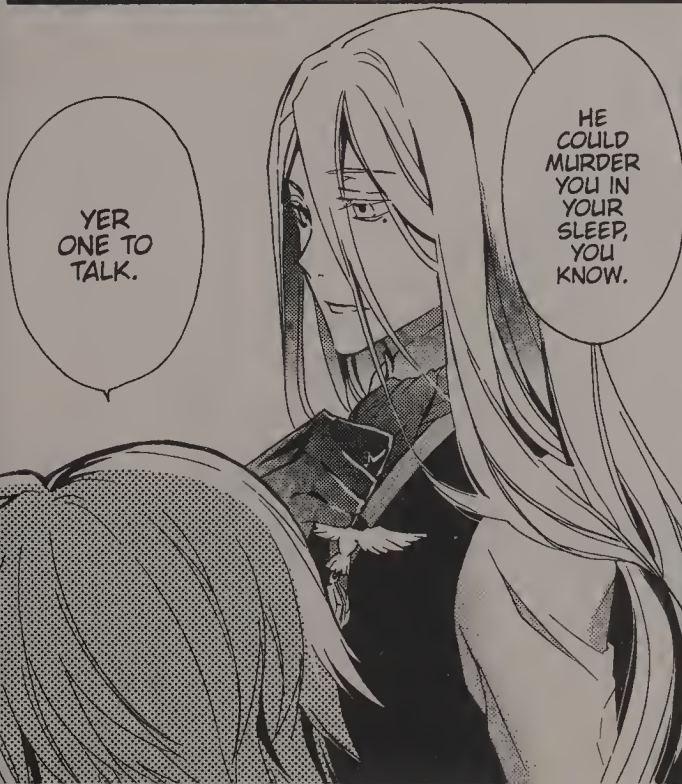
MY
POWERS
ARE
DEPLETED.



CAN I...
IS IT ALL
RIGHT IF
I STAY
HERE?

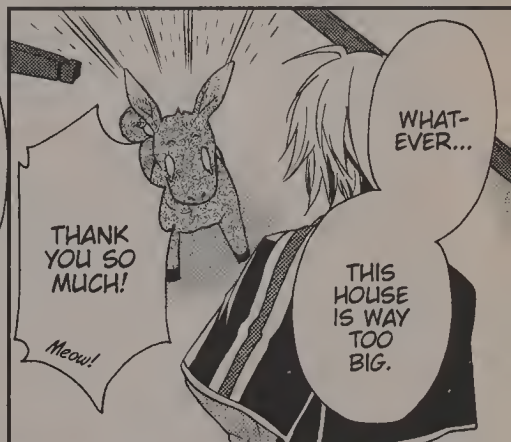


I REALLY
DON'T WANT
TO BE SENT
PACKING
AGAIN.



YER
ONE TO
TALK.

HE
COULD
MURDER
YOU IN
YOUR
SLEEP,
YOU
KNOW.

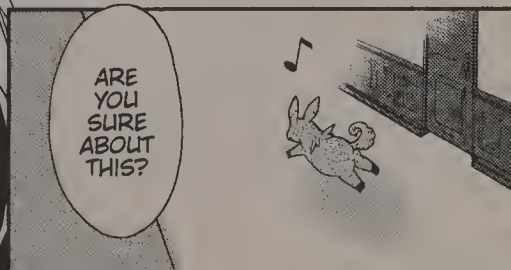


THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!

Meow!

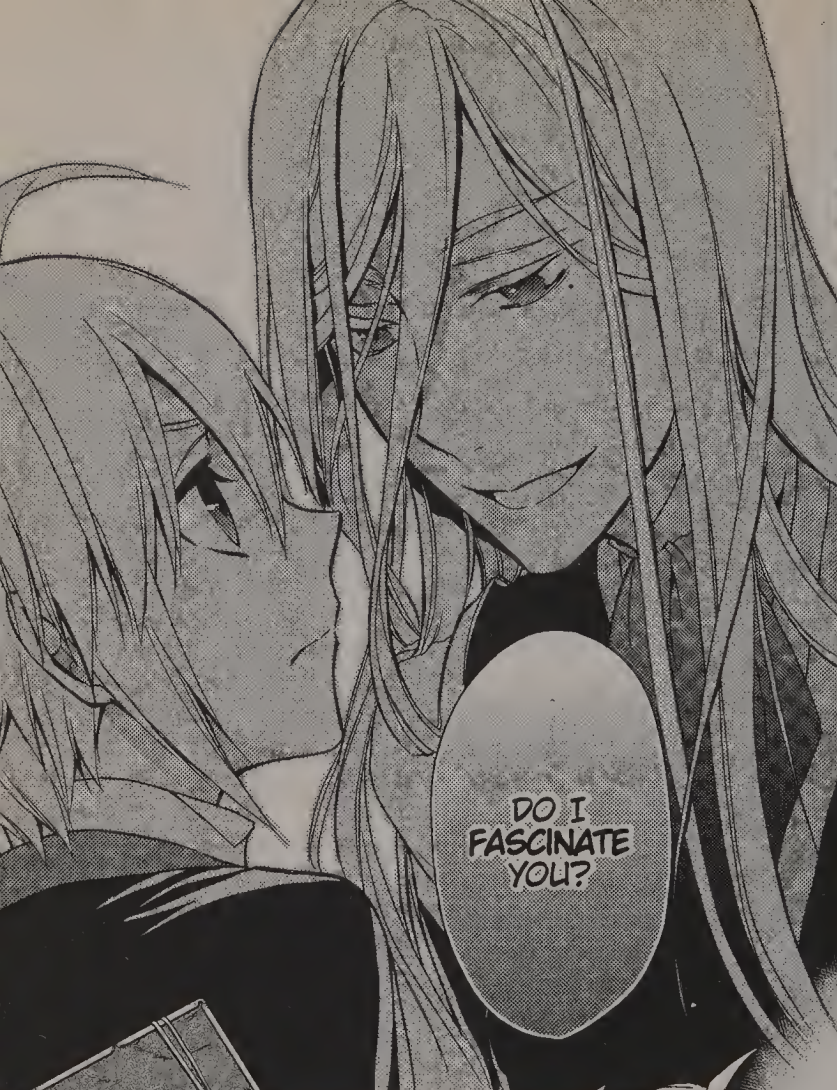
WHAT-
EVER...

THIS
HOUSE
IS WAY
TOO
BIG.

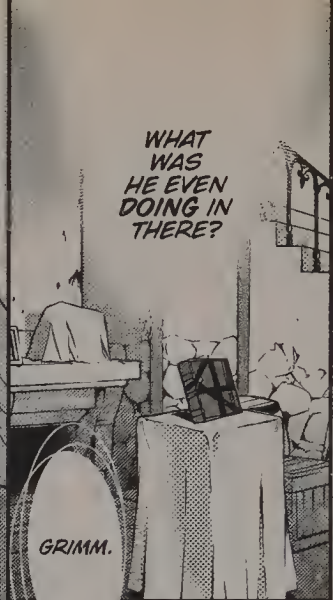


ARE
YOU
SURE
ABOUT
THIS?





WHAT
WAS
HE EVEN
DOING IN
THERE?



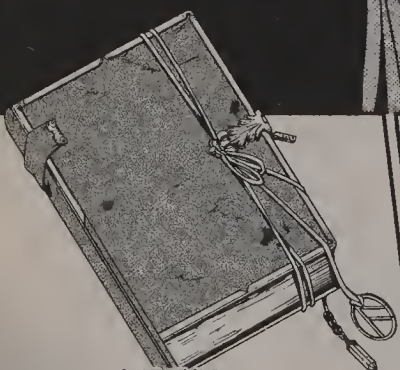
GRIMM.

DO I
FASCINATE
YOU?

WHY
WAS HE
CALLING
ME?



Heh



AND THIS
GRIMM'S FAIRY
TALES GRIMOIRE
WON'T OPEN TO
ANYTHING BUT
THE BREMEN
STORY.

AND THIS
DOESN'T
INTEREST
ME IN THE
SLIGHTEST,
EITHER!

SHOVE

NO WAY!
SORRY TO
DISAPPOINT
YOU!!



ER...

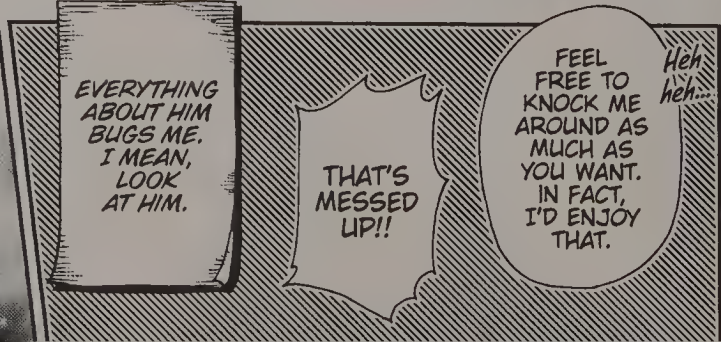


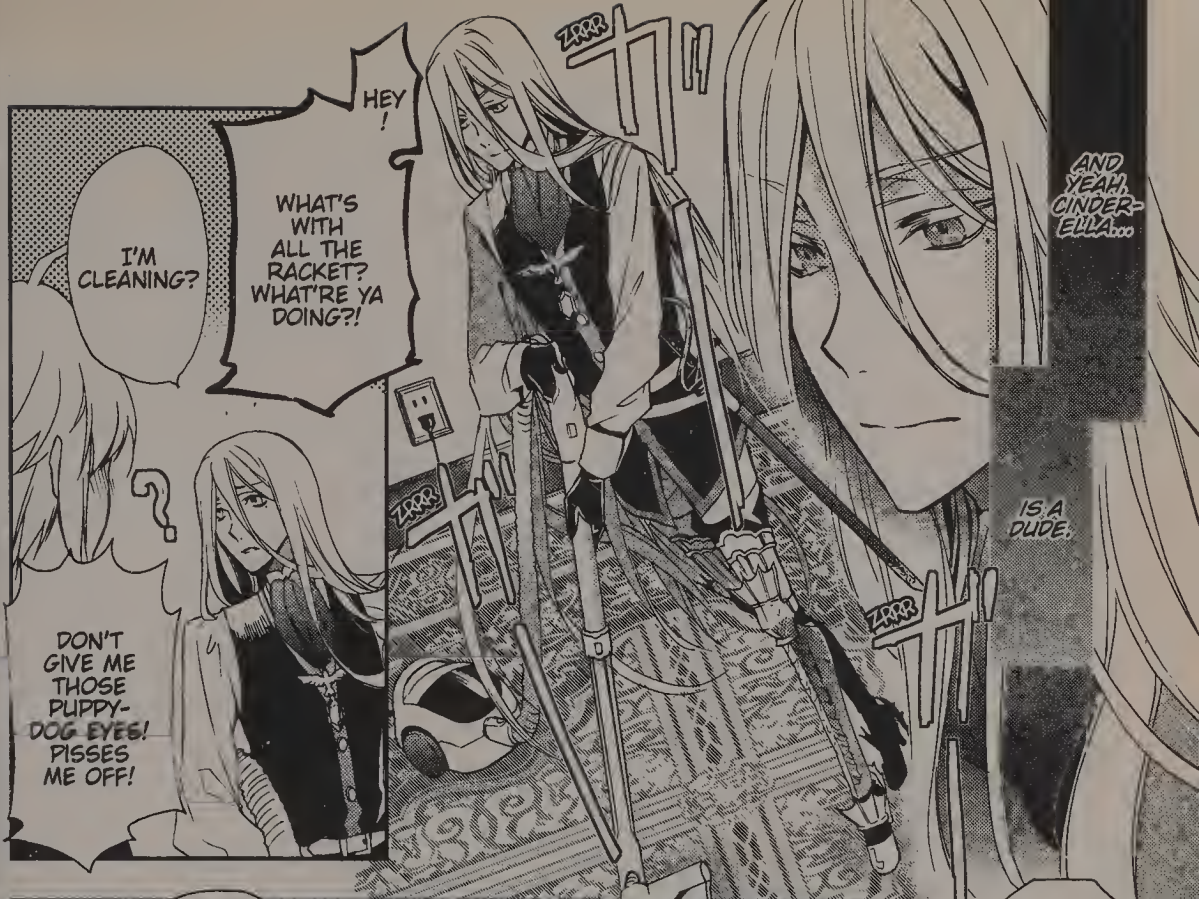
EVERYTHING
ABOUT HIM
BUGS ME.
I MEAN,
LOOK
AT HIM.

THAT'S
MESS'D
UP!!

FEEL
FREE TO
KNOCK ME
AROUND AS
MUCH AS
YOU WANT.
IN FACT,
I'D ENJOY
THAT.

Heh
heh...





I'M
CLEANING?

HEY!
WHAT'S
WITH
ALL THE
RACKET?
WHAT'RE YA
DOING?!

AND
YEAH,
CINDER-
ELLA...

IS A
DUDE.

DON'T
GIVE ME
THOSE
PUPPY-
DOG EYES!
PISSES
ME OFF!

CLEANING
IS MY
SPECIALTY.

I AM
CINDERELLA,
AFTER ALL.

AN' QUIT
DOIN' ALL
THIS
EXTRA
STUFF!

BUT...
WHOA!
IT'S
SUPER
CLEAN!!

THAT'S
RIGHT.

OH, THAT'S
RICH COMIN'
FROM A GUY
WHO POPPED
OUT OF THE
FIREPLACE!

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
YOU WERE
COMFORTABLE
LIVING IN
SUCH FILTH.

OUT TO
GET ME.
APPARENT-
LY.

THESE
DEMONS
ARE...

I HAD
NO IDEA
YOU WOULD
BE ABLE TO
DEFEAT A
MARCHEN
DEMON.

SEE, THEY
PROMISED
THEY'D GIVE
ME THEIR
DESCEN-
DANT'S
SOOOOUL.

Waaaaah

SEEMS
THEY
PROMISED
THE LIVES
OF THEIR
DESCEN-
DANTS IN
EXCHANGE.

THOSE
JERKS.

MY
ANCESTORS
WERE THE
BROTHERS
GRIMM.

ACTUAL
DEMONS
TOLD THEM
THE FAIRY
TALES.

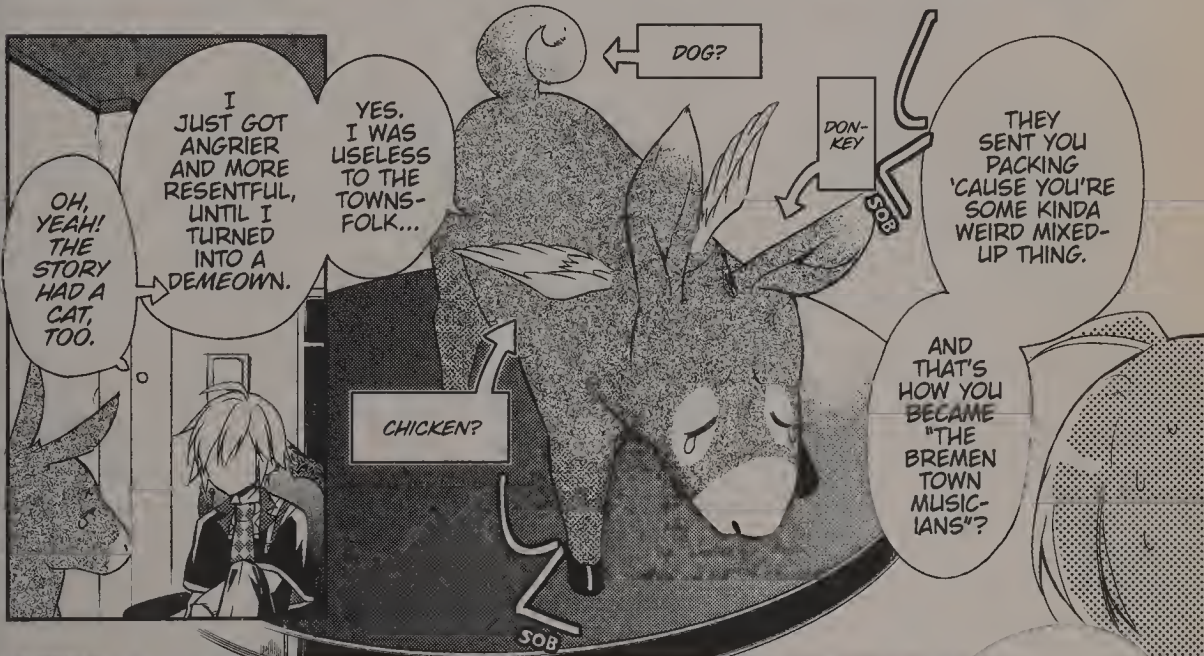
THE
BROTHERS
PUT TOGETHER
THEIR BOOK
BASED ON
THE STORIES
THESE MARCHEN
DEMONS TOLD
THEM.

IT'S
JUST SO
DIFFERENT
FROM THE
STORY "THE
BREMEN
TOWN
MUSIC-
IANS"...

MAKES
YOU
WONDER
WHAT THE
OTHER
STORIES
WERE
REALLY
LIKE.



SO...



OH, YEAH! THE STORY HAD A CAT, TOO.

I JUST GOT ANGRIER AND MORE RESENTFUL, UNTIL I TURNED INTO A DEMEOWN.

YES. I WAS USELESS TO THE TOWNS-FOLK...

DOG?

DON-KEY

THEY SENT YOU PACKING 'CAUSE YOU'RE SOME KINDA WEIRD MIXED-UP THING.

AND THAT'S HOW YOU BECAME "THE BREMEN TOWN MUSICIANS"?

CHICKEN?

SOB

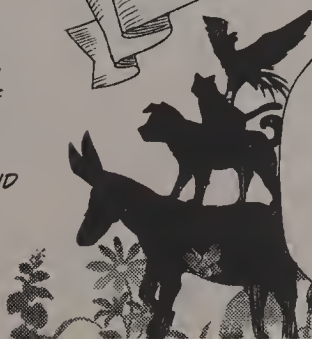
OLD AND UNABLE TO WORK FOR THEIR MASTERS ANY LONGER, A DONKEY, A DOG, A ROOSTER, AND A CAT SET OUT ON A JOURNEY TO BREMEN, THE CITY OF MUSIC. ALONG THE WAY, THEY SCARE A BAND OF ROBBERS AWAY FROM A COMFORTABLE HOUSE, AND SETTLE THERE TO LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER.

THAT'S NOT AT ALL WHAT HAPPENS IN THE STORY.

THE BREMEN TOWN MUSICIANS

I TOLD YOUR ANCESTORS ABOUT MY TRIP TO BREMEN.

AND THAT'S HEE-HOW THEY WROTE IT DOWN.

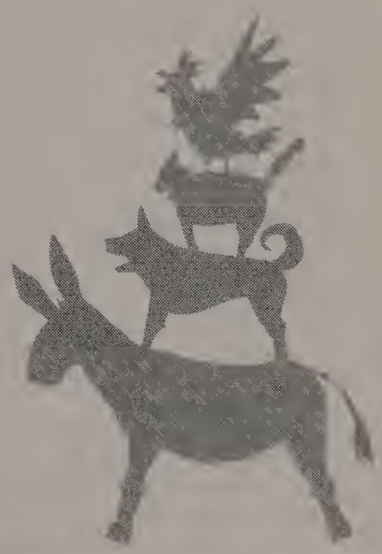


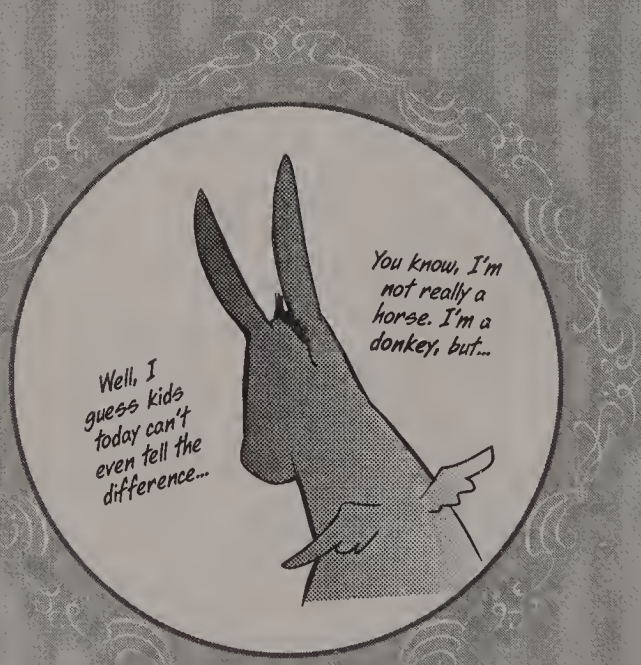


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Dictatorial Grimoire





Well, I
guess kids
today can't
even tell the
difference...

You know, I'm
not really a
horse. I'm a
donkey, but...

Dictatorial Grimoire



I'M
THE
HERO
OF
THIS
STORY!

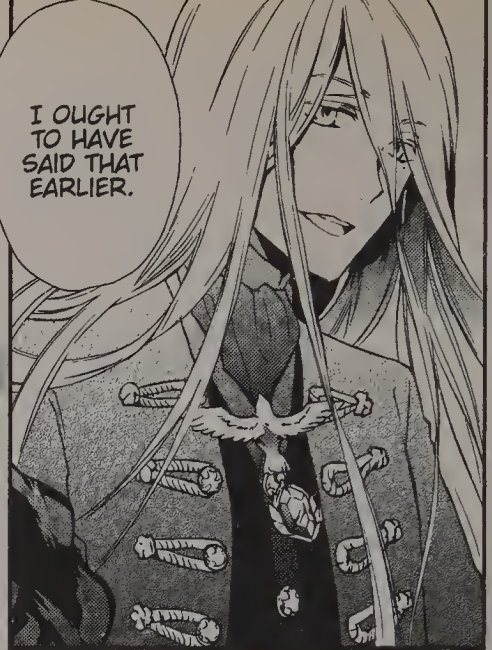


YOU
WERE
SPYIN'
ON
ME?

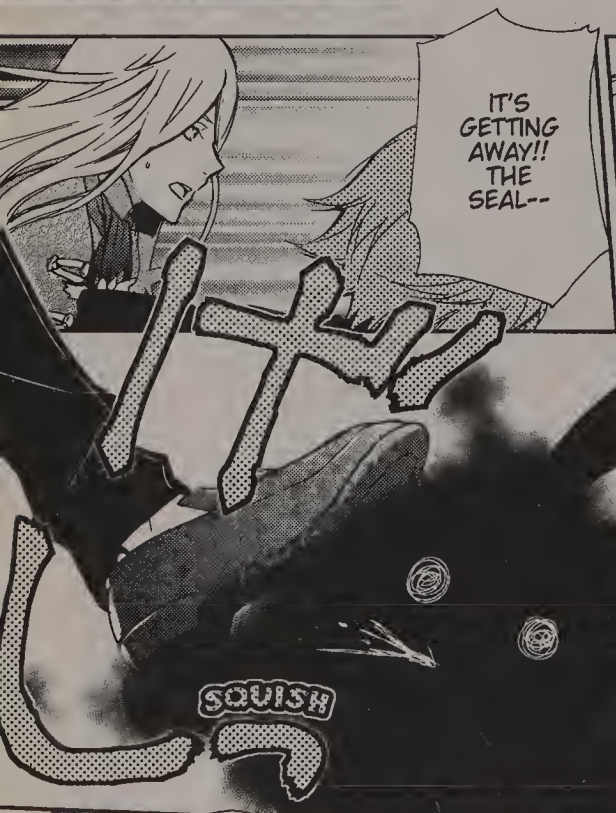
Y'KNOW,
YOU
REALLY
ARE
CREEPY.



I'M
HOME.

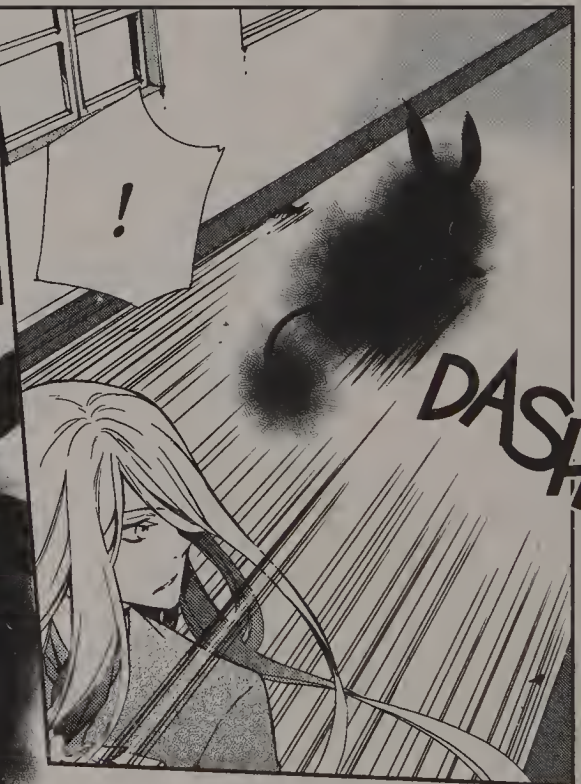


I OUGHT
TO HAVE
SAID THAT
EARLIER.



IT'S
GETTING
AWAY!!
THE
SEAL--

SQUISH



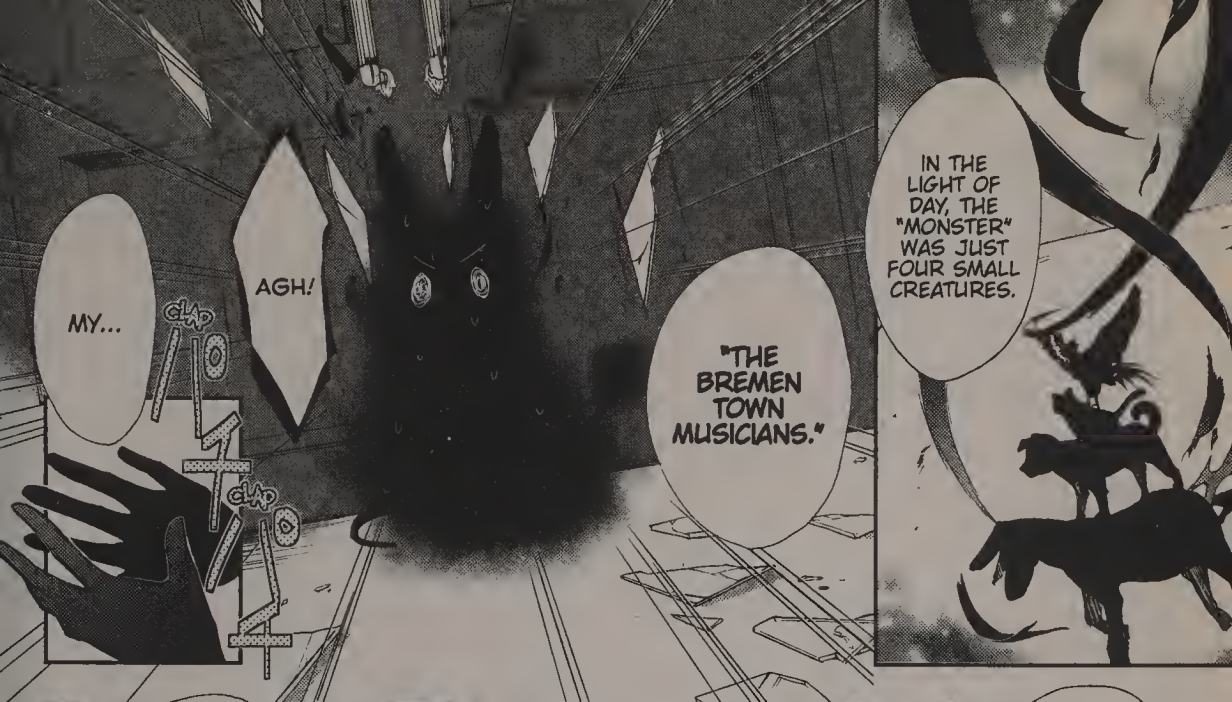
DASH



I'M THE
AUTHOR,
AND YER
JUST A
BIT PART
CHARACTER.

KNEEL!

WATCH
YOUR
MOUTH.
YOU DON'T
GET TO
BOSS ME
AROUND.



MY...

AGH!

"THE
BREMEN
TOWN
MUSICIANS."

IN THE
LIGHT OF
DAY, THE
"MONSTER"
WAS JUST
FOUR SMALL
CREATURES.



WELL,
I DON'T
EXACTLY
HATE
BEING
PUSHED
AROUND.

WERE YOU
GONNA GET
REVENGE
ON ME BY
GETTIN'
YER BUTT
KICKED?

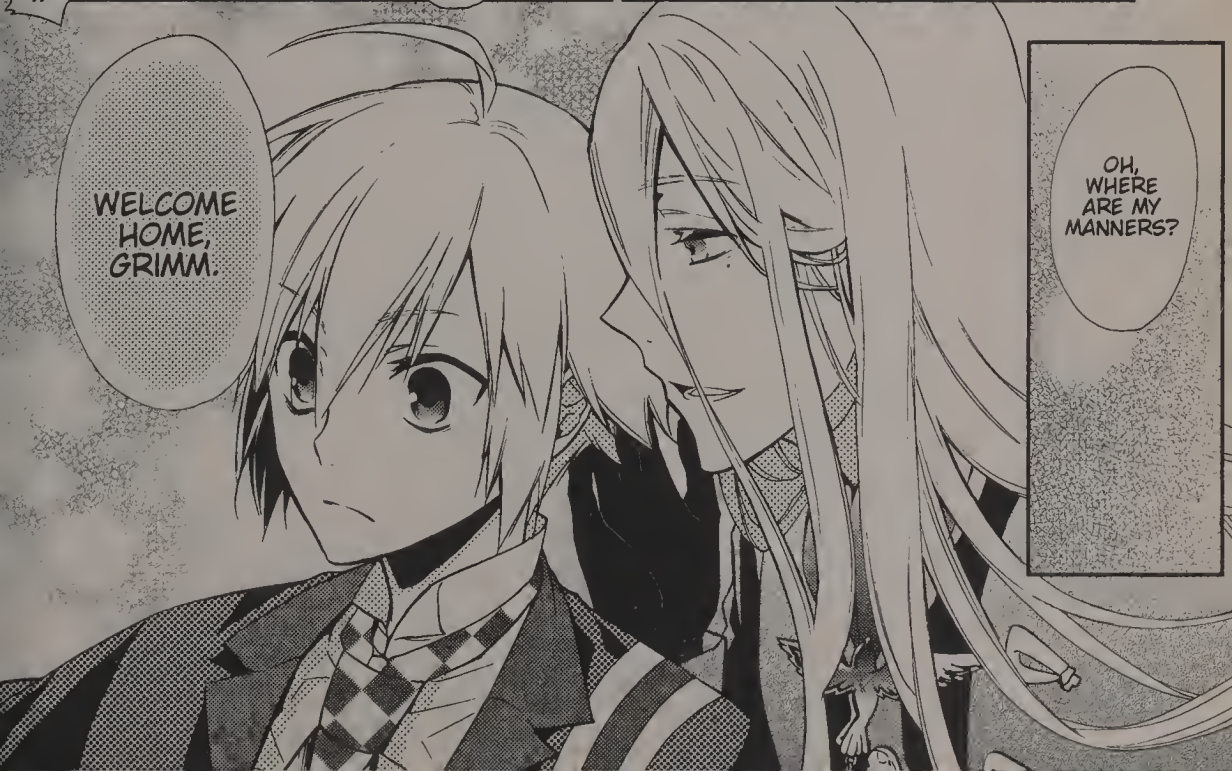
SHUT
UP,
KISS-
ASS!

WONDERFUL,
DOMINE.

I AM
CINDER-
ELLA,
AFTER
ALL.

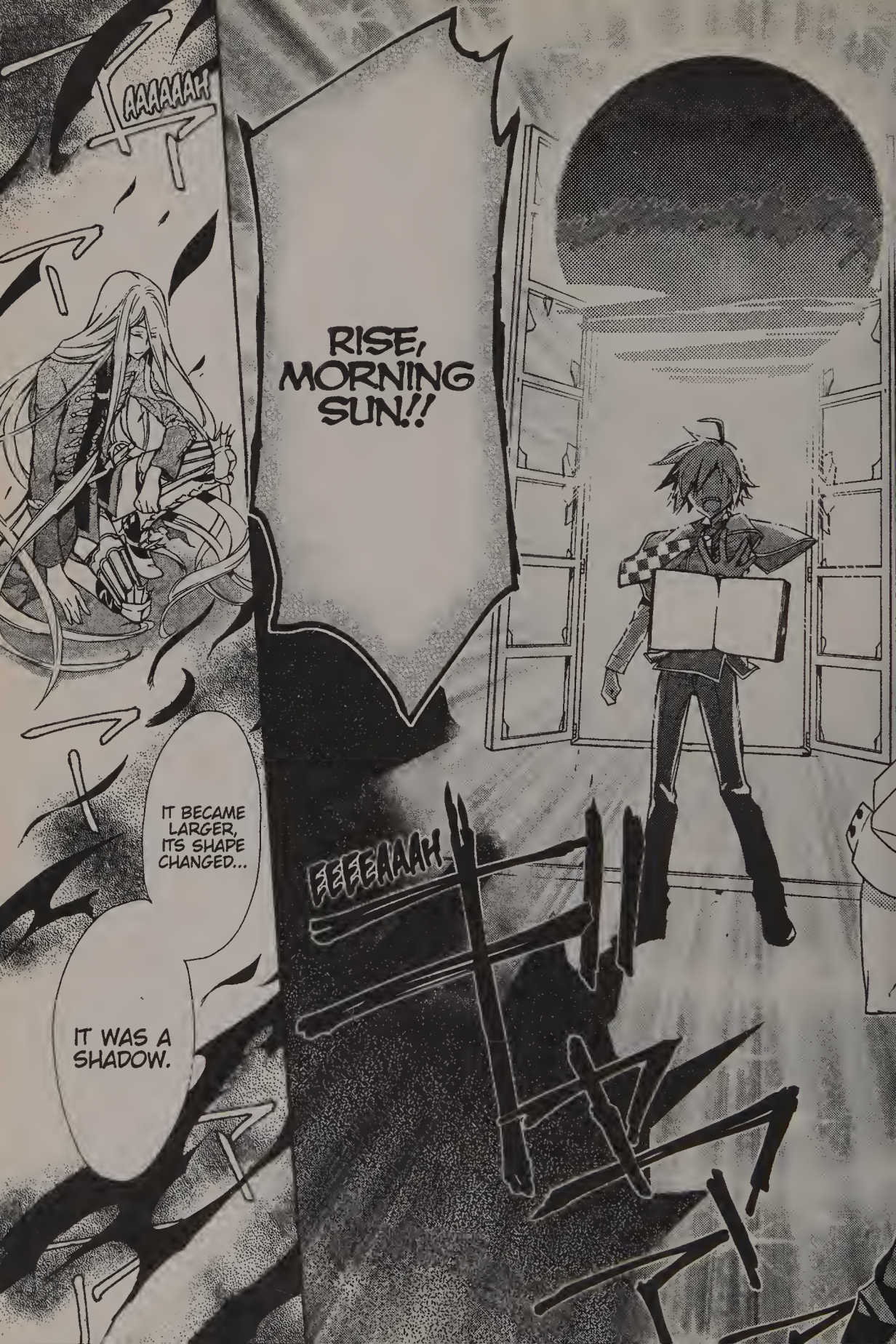
YOU
SOME
KINDA
MASO-
CHIST?

Per-
vert
!!



WELCOME
HOME,
GRIMM.

OH,
WHERE
ARE MY
MANNERS?



AAAAAAH

RISE,
MORNING
SUN!!

IT BECAME
LARGER,
ITS SHAPE
CHANGED...

IT WAS A
SHADOW.

EEEEAAAAH



FOUR ANIMALS TRAVELED
TO THE MUSICAL CITY
OF BREMEN TOWN, AND,
ON THEIR WAY, JOINED
FORCES TO DRIVE AWAY
A BAND OF ROBBERS.

IN THE
DARKNESS OF
NIGHT, THEY
APPEARED TO BE
A TERRIFYING
MONSTER.

BUT!



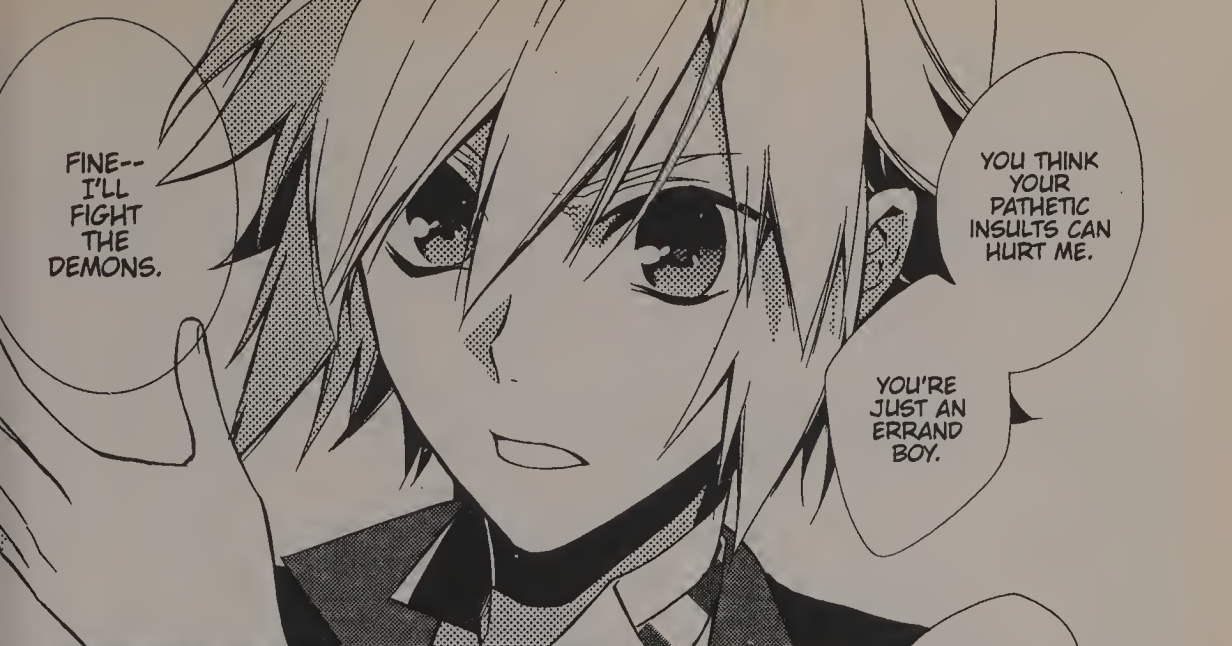
I WILL
SERVE
YOU...

DOMINE.

KNEEL
BEFORE
ME.

BE MY
SWORD.
BE MY
SHIELD.

PA-GH



FINE--
I'LL
FIGHT
THE
DEMONS.

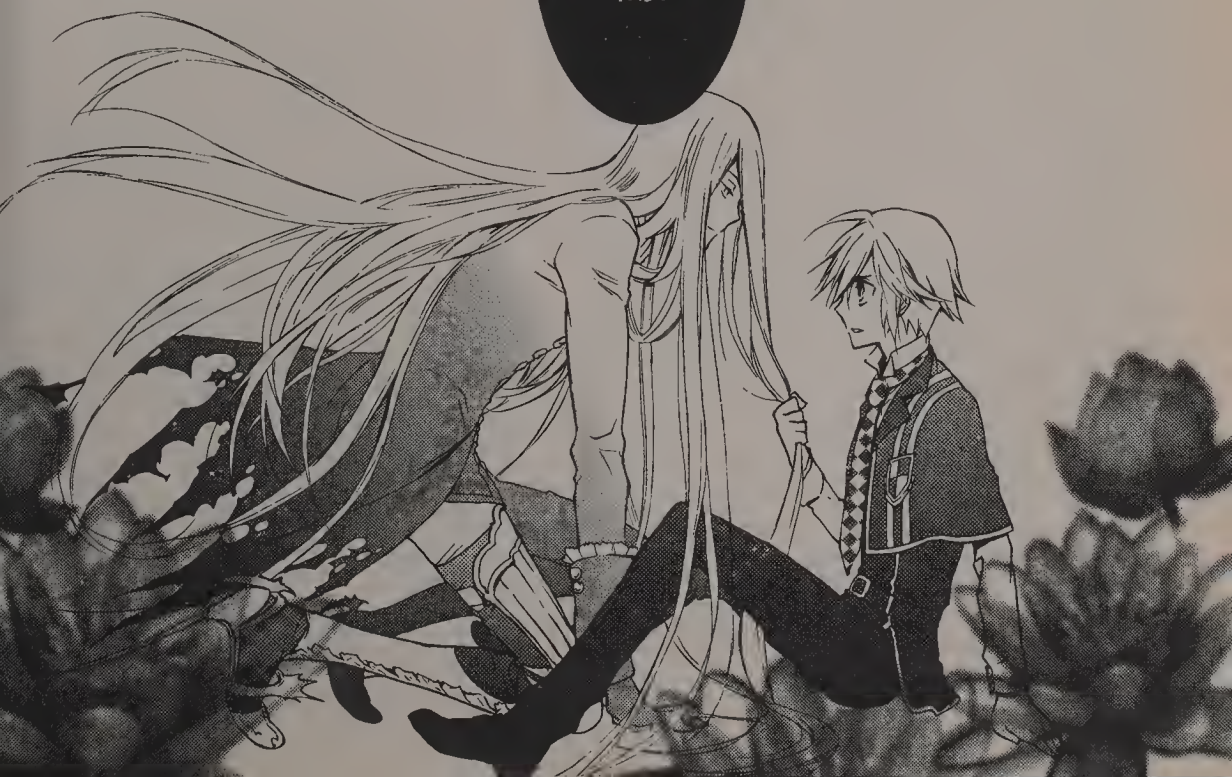
YOU THINK
YOUR
PATHETIC
INSULTS CAN
HURT ME.

YOU'RE
JUST AN
ERRAND
BOY.



I'LL
FIGHT,
BUT
IN EX-
CHANGE...

I
REFUSE
TO DIE
BECAUSE
SOMEONE
ELSE
MADE A
BARGAIN.



YOU
MUST
SERVE
ME.



YOU
BAS-
TARD!
HE
WAS
MY
PREY!!

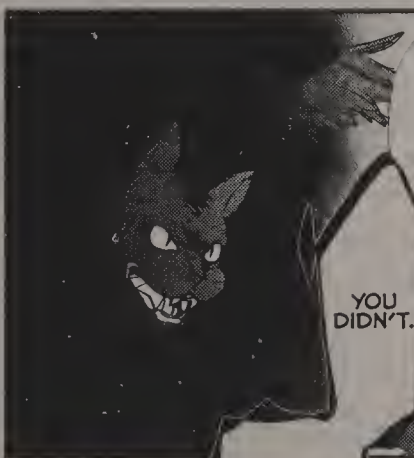
I
WON'T
HAVE
YOU--

NO.

AS IT
TURNS
OUT, IT
IS I
WHO
WILL
BE THE
TOOL.

YOU
HAVE
GOT
TO BE
KID-
DING
ME!

YOU HAVE GOT TO
BE KIDDING ME....!!

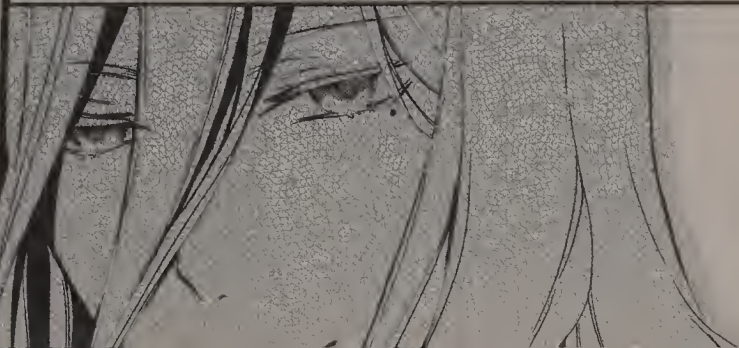


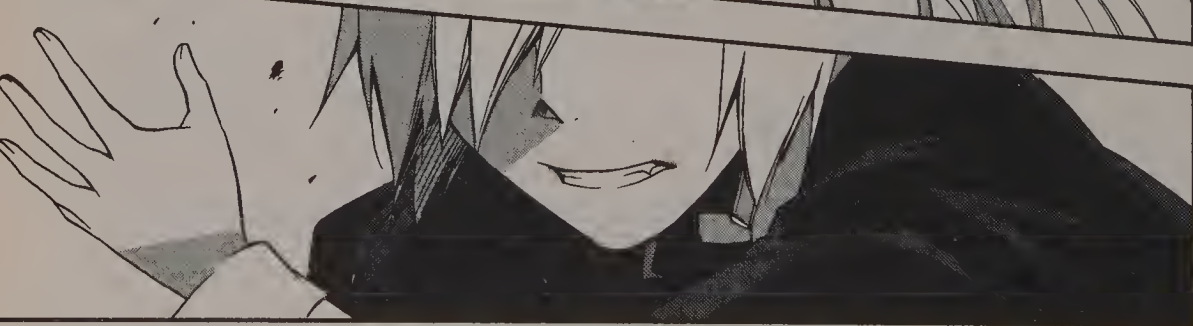
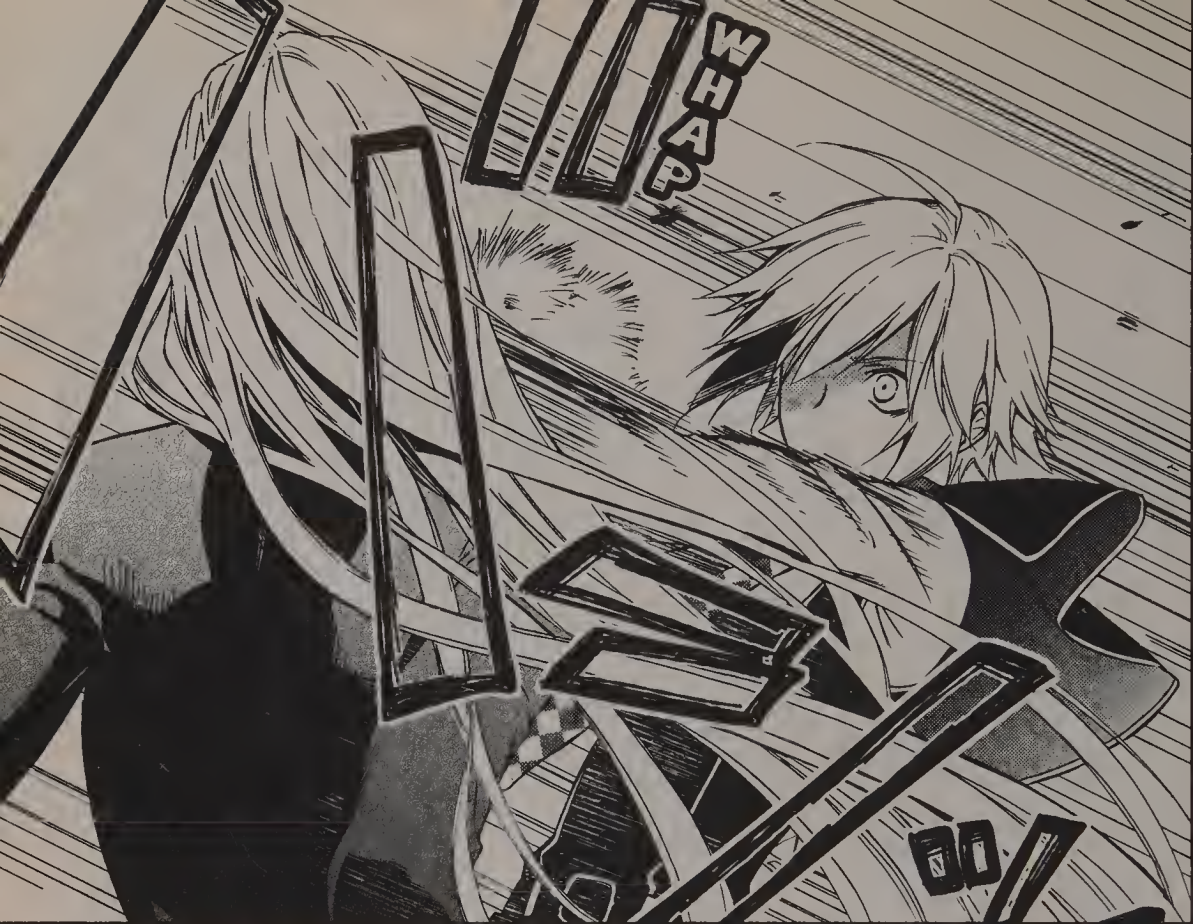
HE WAS
CLEARLY
OF NO
USE
TO ME,
SO...

WHERE
INDEED?

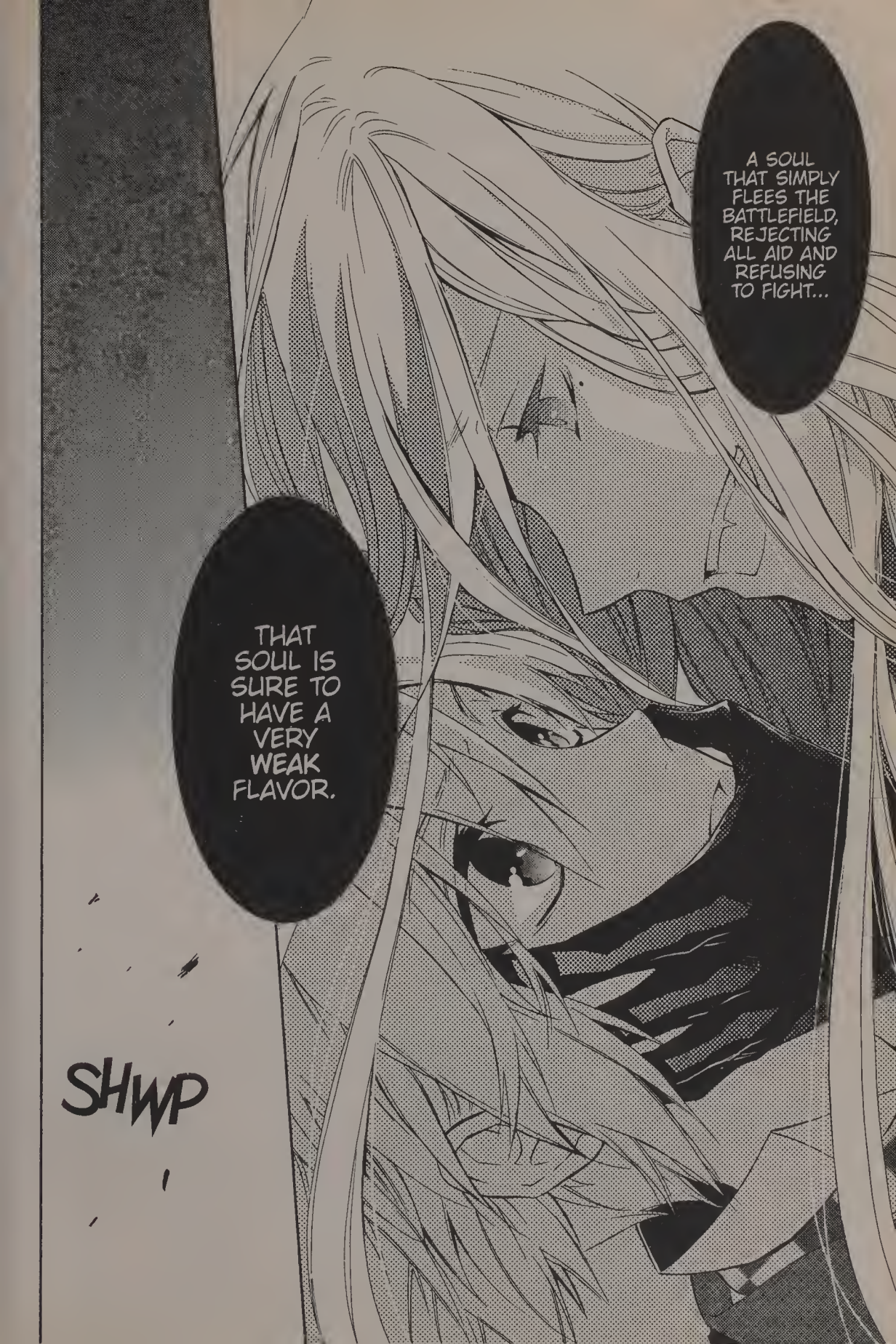


YOU
KILLED
HIM?!





NO FRICKIN' WAY!



A SOUL
THAT SIMPLY
FLEES THE
BATTLEFIELD,
REJECTING
ALL AID AND
REFUSING
TO FIGHT...

THAT
SOUL IS
SURE TO
HAVE A
VERY
WEAK
FLAVOR.

SHWP



IN THAT
CASE,
PREPARE
TO DIE.

TH I SEE.

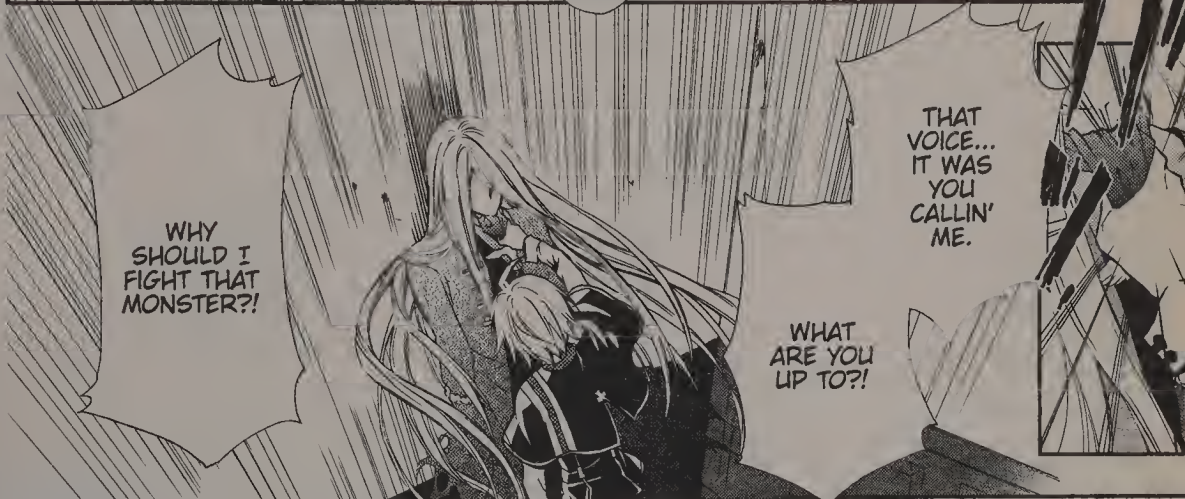
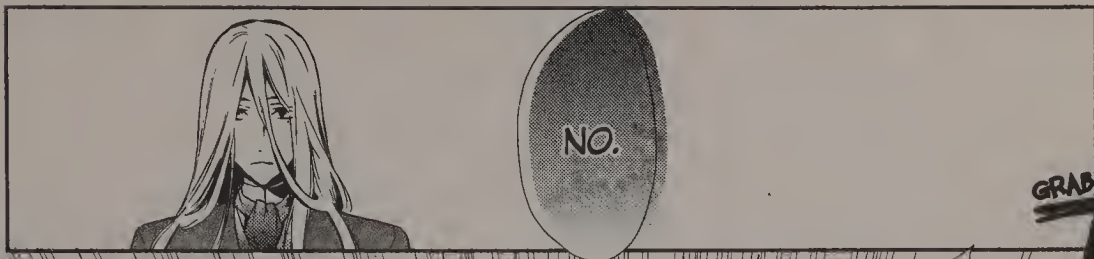
UMP

IF NOT, I
WAS TOLD I
COULD CLAIM
YOUR SOUL.

IF YOU
FIGHT,
I WILL
PROTECT
YOU.

MIND
YOU...

WHA
--?
TOLD
BY
WHO?





YOU
HAVE TO
FIGHT THE
DEMONS.

ONLY A
DESCENDANT OF
THE BROTHERS
GRIMM CAN
BIND THEM IN
THE BOOK.

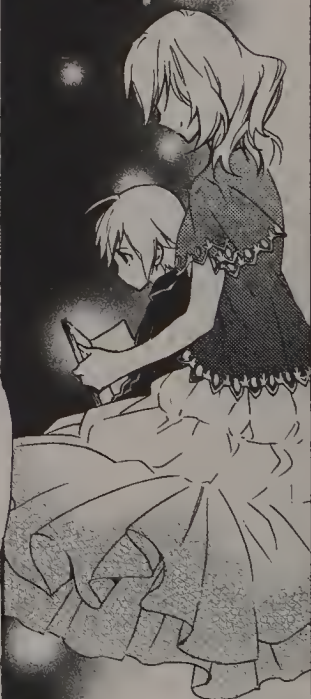


I
ASSUME
YOU WERE
ABLE TO
GUESS
WHO I
AM...

BECAUSE
YOU
GREW UP
HEARING
MANY
OF THE
STORIES.

FOR
EVERYONE
ELSE,
THEY'RE
JUST
THAT--
STORIES.

BUT
FOR YOU,
THEY FORM
A GRIMOIRE
THAT CAN
SAVE YOUR
LIFE.

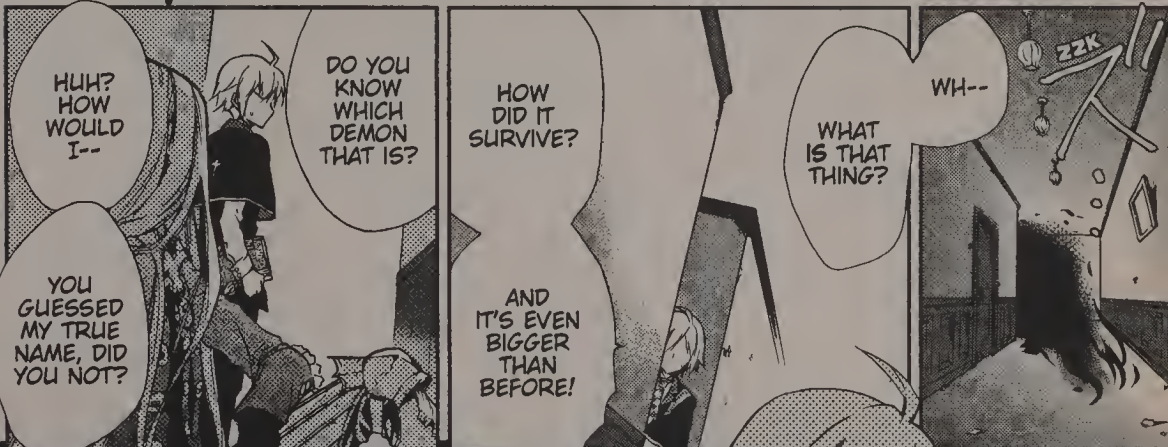




GRIMMMM!

I'LL FIND YOU.

I'LL KILL YOU...



HUH?
HOW WOULD I--

DO YOU KNOW WHICH DEMON THAT IS?

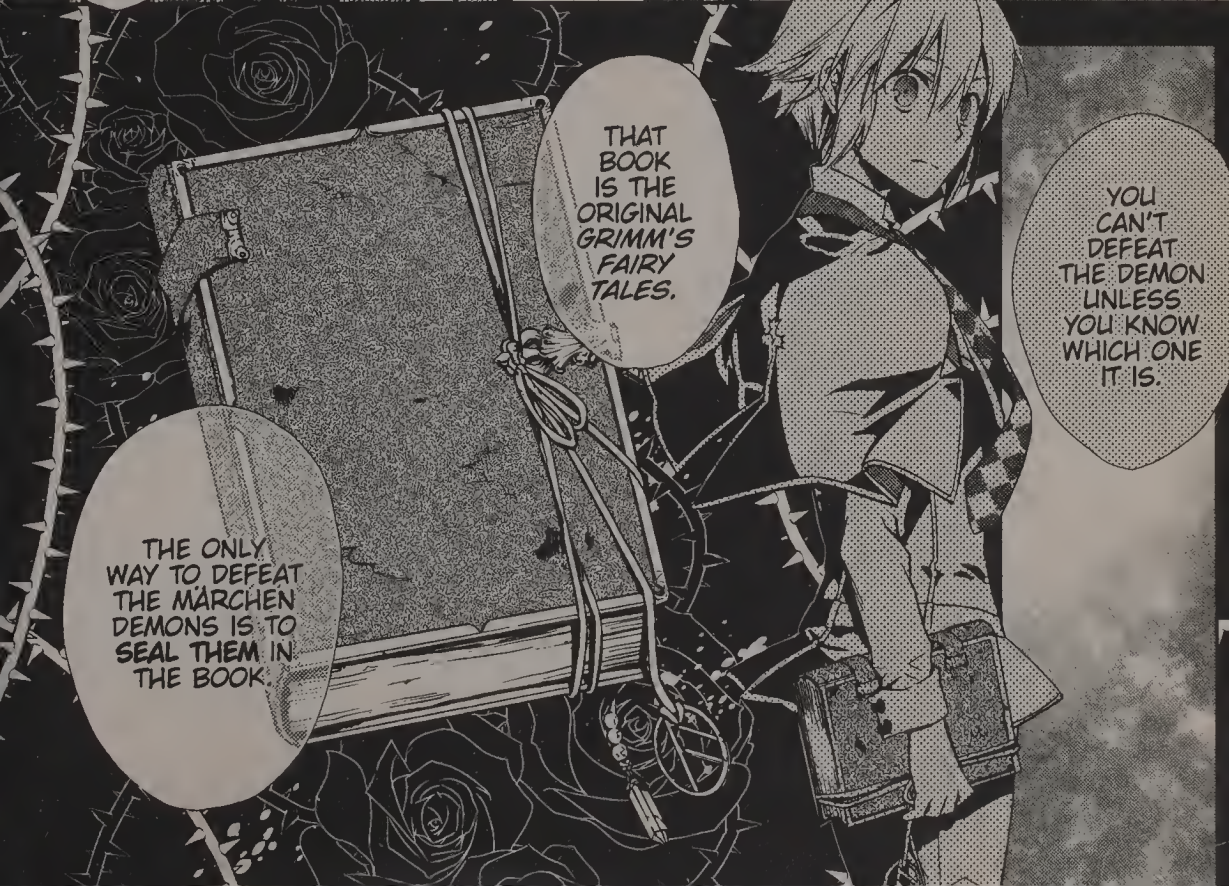
HOW DID IT SURVIVE?

AND IT'S EVEN BIGGER THAN BEFORE!

WHAT IS THAT THING?

WH--

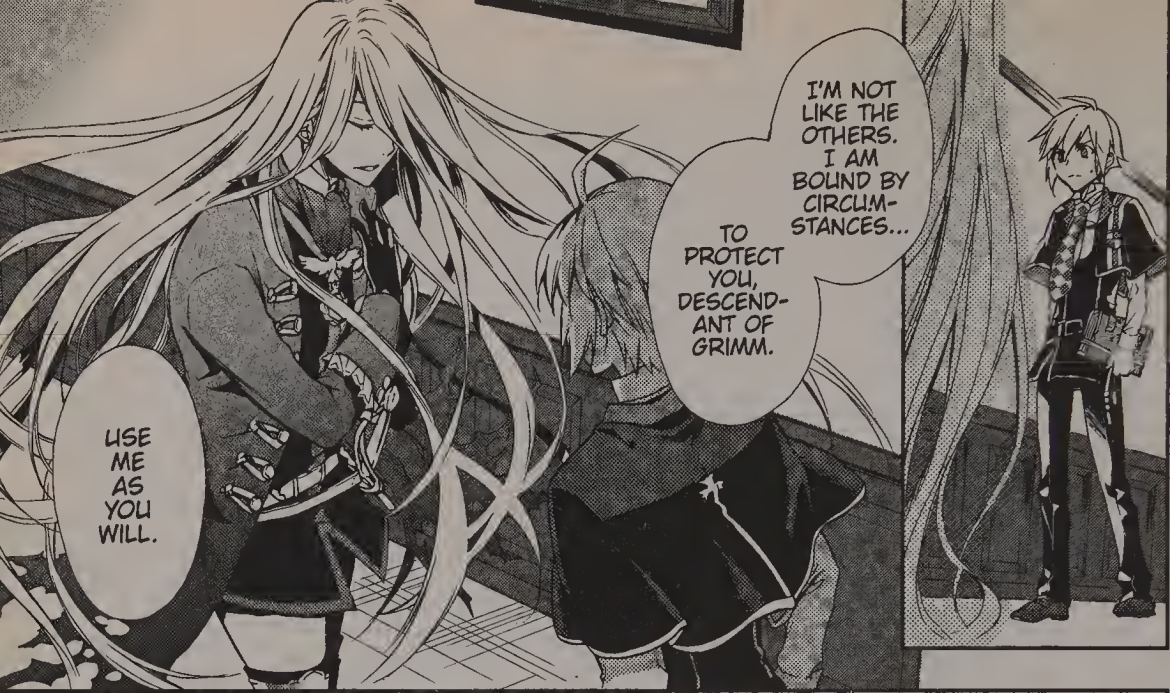
YOU GUESSED MY TRUE NAME, DID YOU NOT?



THAT BOOK IS THE ORIGINAL GRIMM'S FAIRY TALES.

YOU CAN'T DEFEAT THE DEMON UNLESS YOU KNOW WHICH ONE IT IS.

THE ONLY WAY TO DEFEAT THE MÄRCHEN DEMONS IS TO SEAL THEM IN THE BOOK.



USE
ME
AS
YOU
WILL.

TO
PROTECT
YOU,
DESCEND-
ANT OF
GRIMM.

I'M NOT
LIKE THE
OTHERS.
I AM
BOUND BY
CIRCUM-
STANCES...



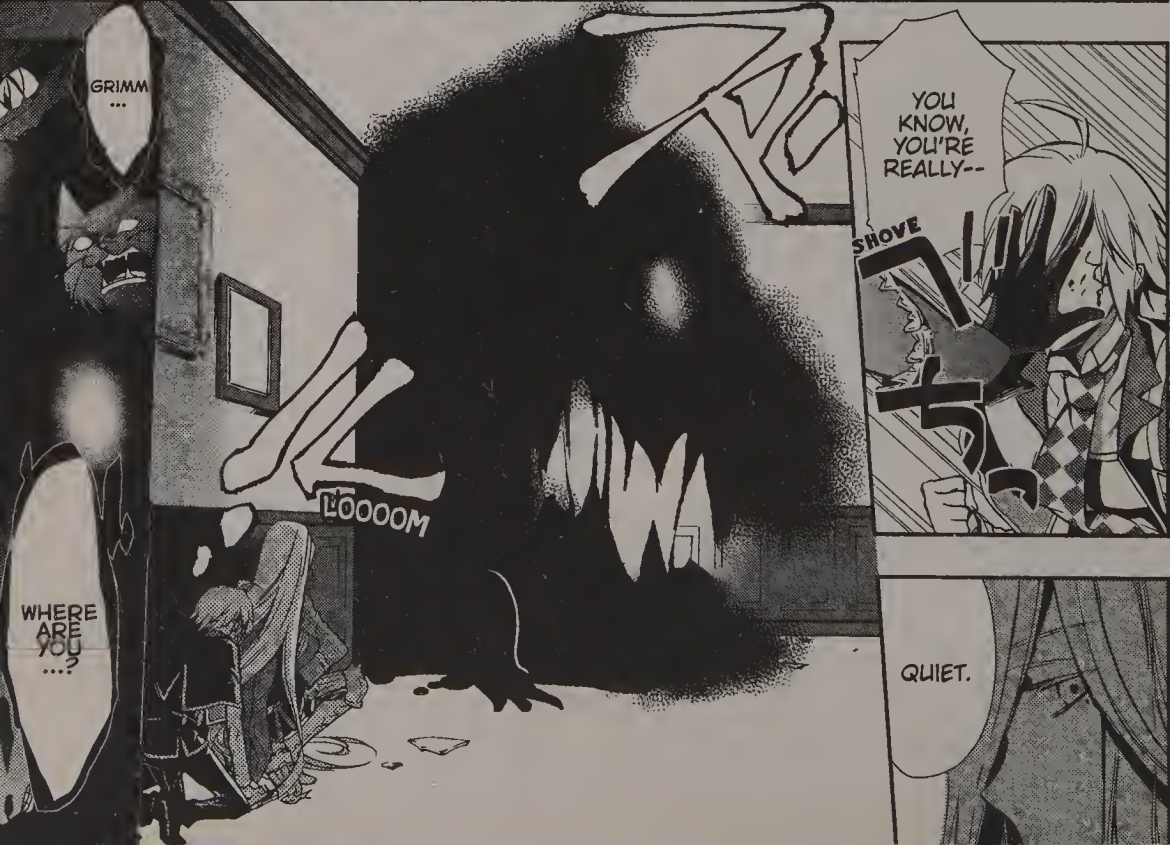
HE GIVES
ME THE
CREEPS!

WHOA!
THIS
GUY...

THAT'S
NOT
WHAT I
ACTUALLY
WANT,
BUT...

WELL....

GLANCE



GRIMM
...

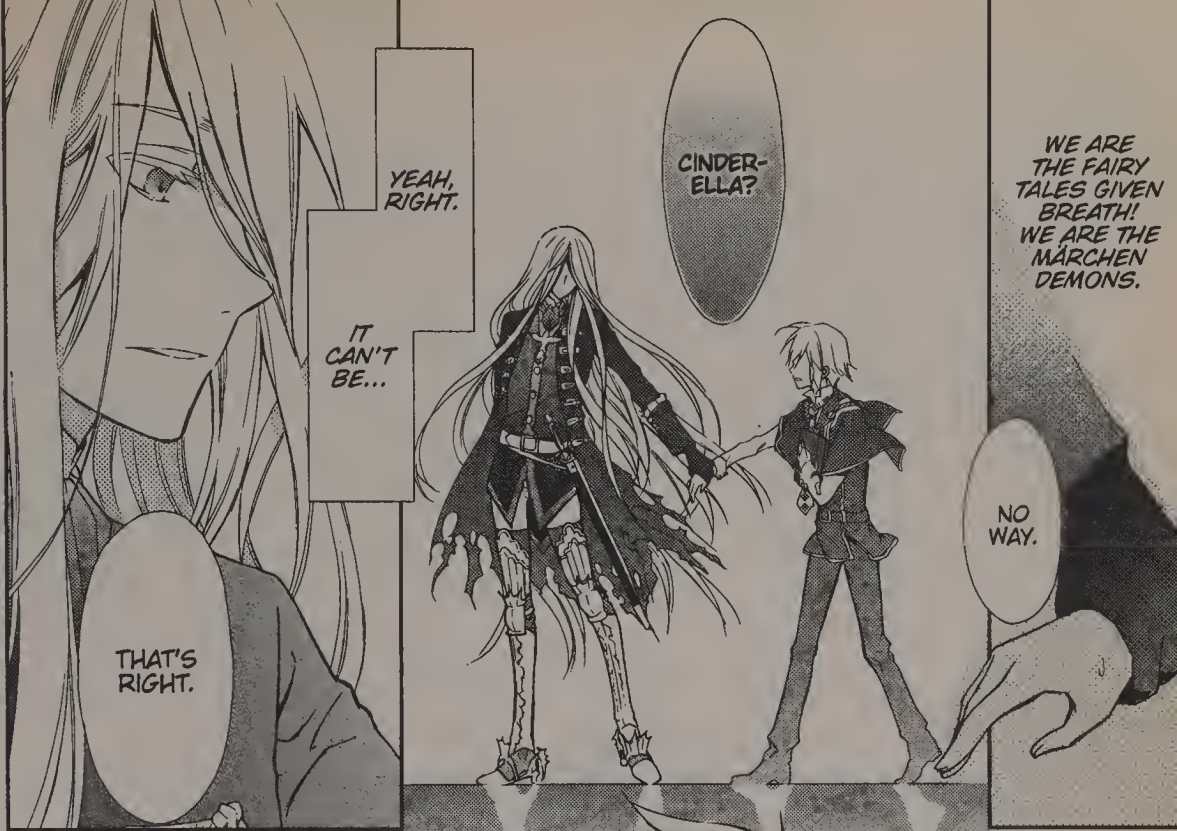
LOOOOOM

YOU
KNOW,
YOU'RE
REALLY--

SHOVE

WHERE
ARE
YOU
...?

QUIET.



YEAH,
RIGHT.

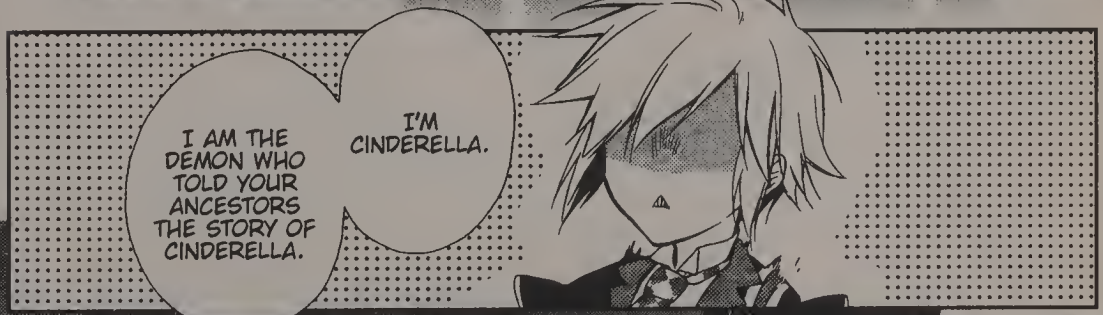
CINDER-
ELLA?

WE ARE
THE FAIRY
TALES GIVEN
BREATH!
WE ARE THE
MARCHEN
DEMONS.

IT
CAN'T
BE...

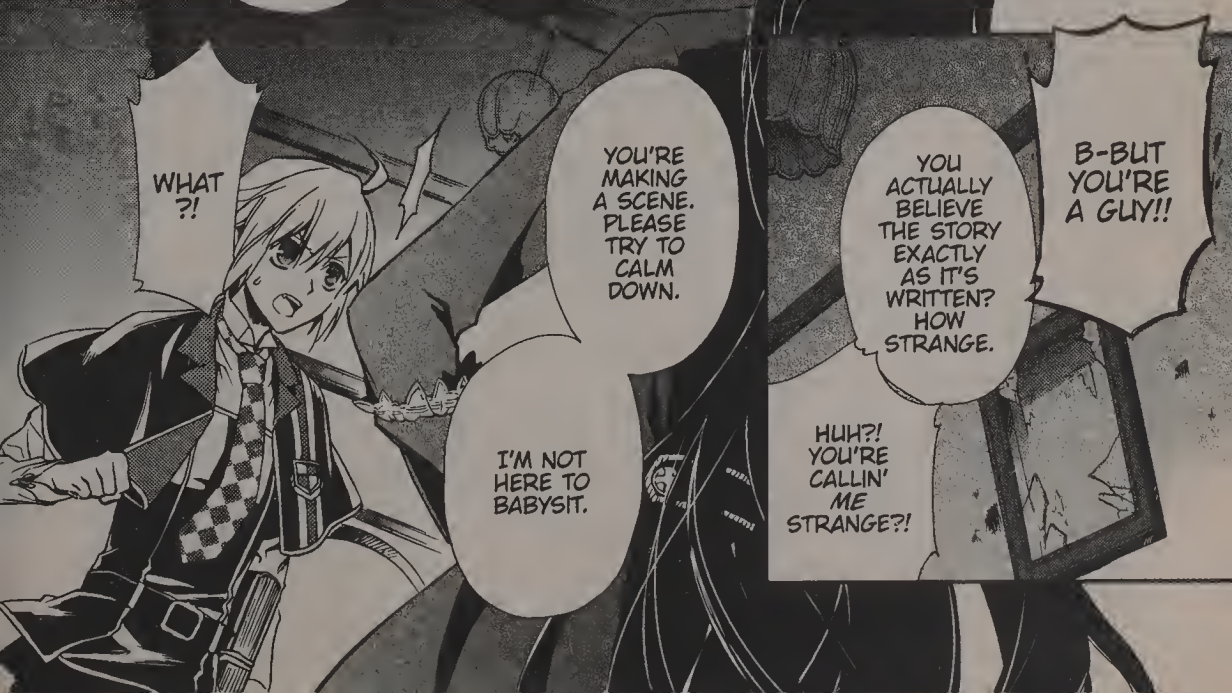
THAT'S
RIGHT.

NO
WAY.



I AM THE
DEMON WHO
TOLD YOUR
ANCESTORS
THE STORY OF
CINDERELLA.

I'M
CINDERELLA.



WHAT
?!

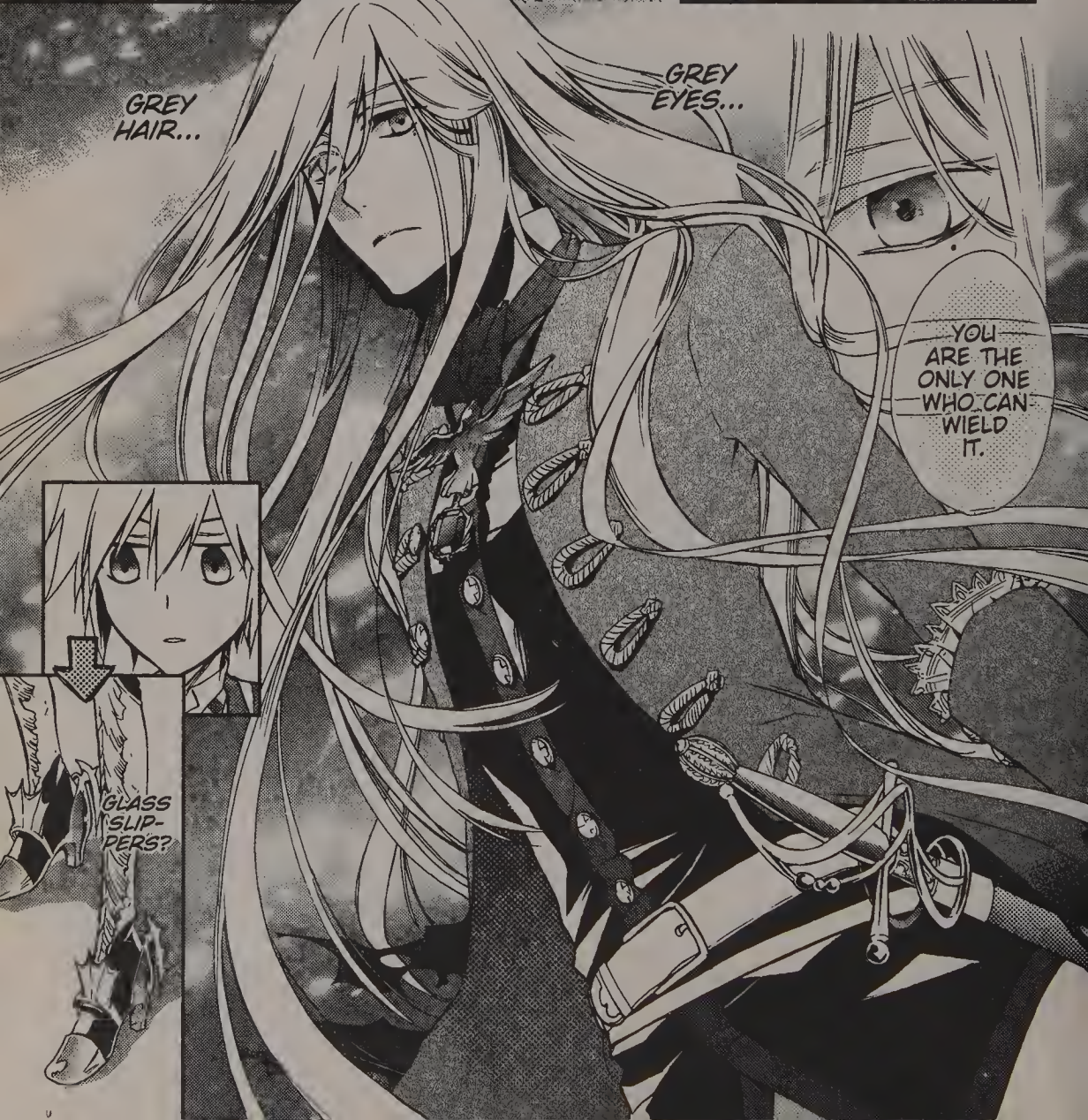
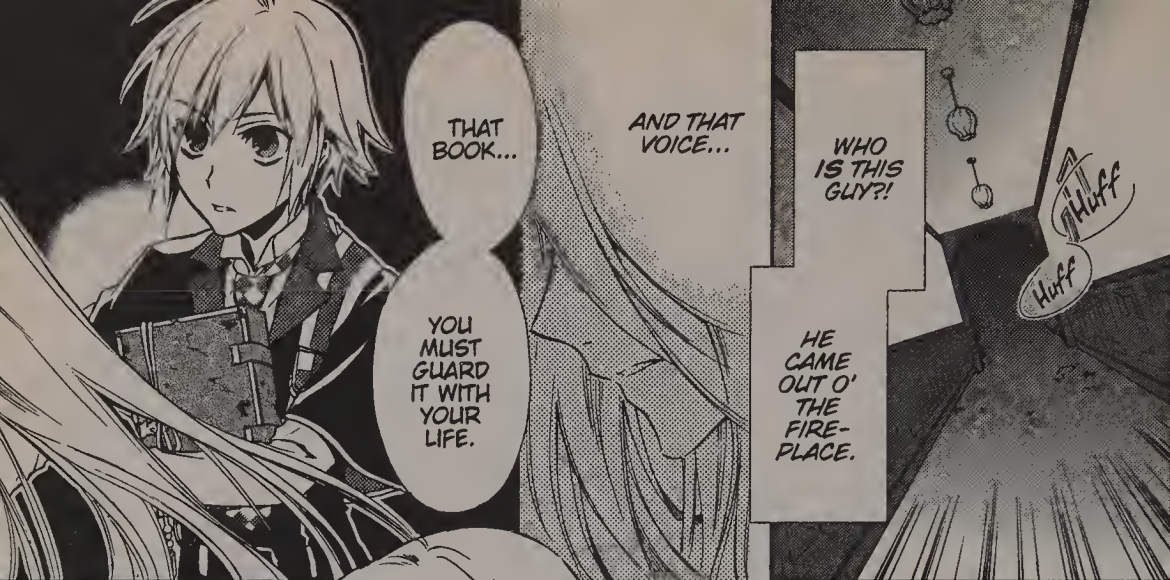
YOU'RE
MAKING
A SCENE.
PLEASE
TRY TO
CALM
DOWN.

YOU
ACTUALLY
BELIEVE
THE STORY
EXACTLY
AS IT'S
WRITTEN?
HOW
STRANGE.

B-BUT
YOU'RE
A GUY!!

I'M NOT
HERE TO
BABYSIT.

HUH?!
YOU'RE
CALLIN'
ME
STRANGE?!

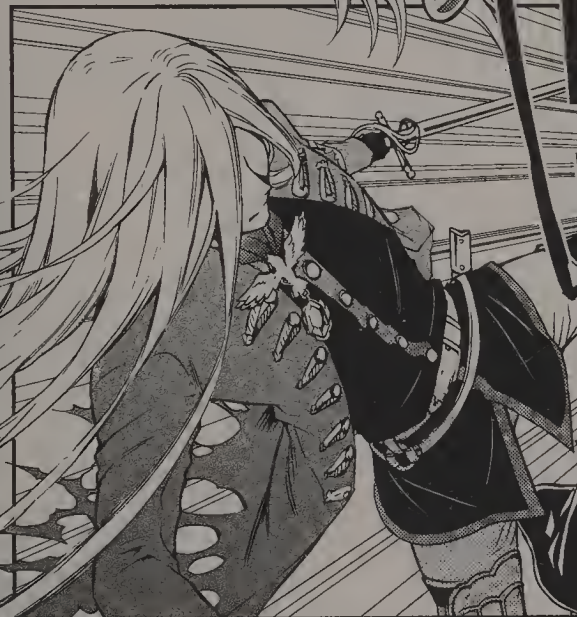




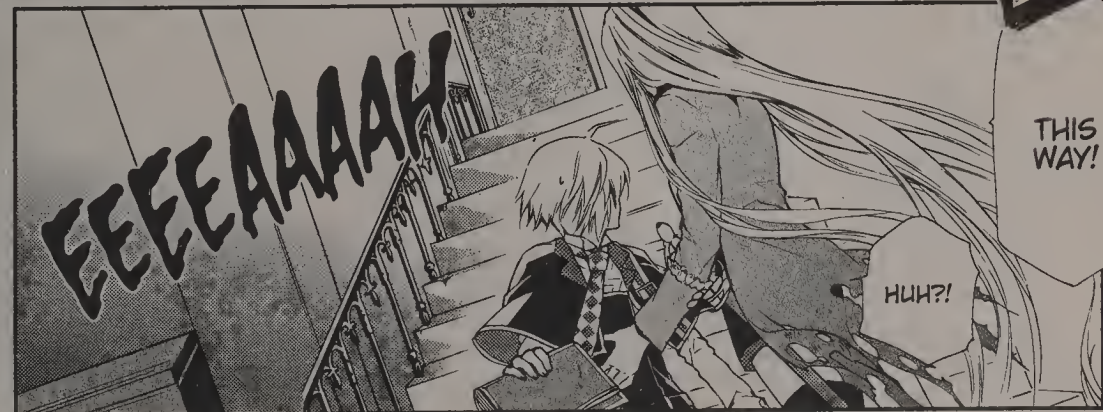
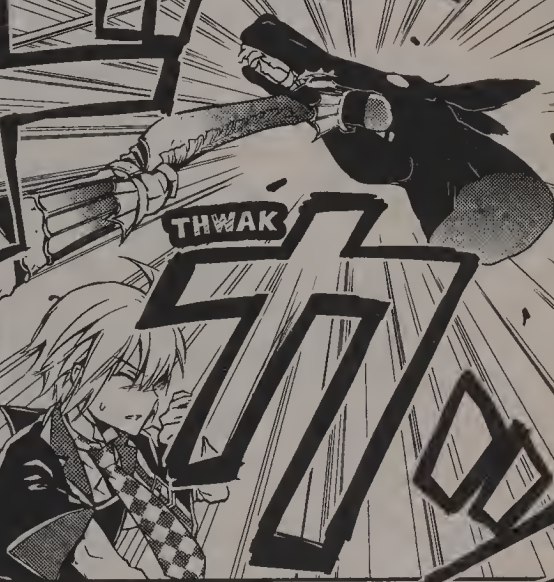
WHAT
THE...?!



SNARL



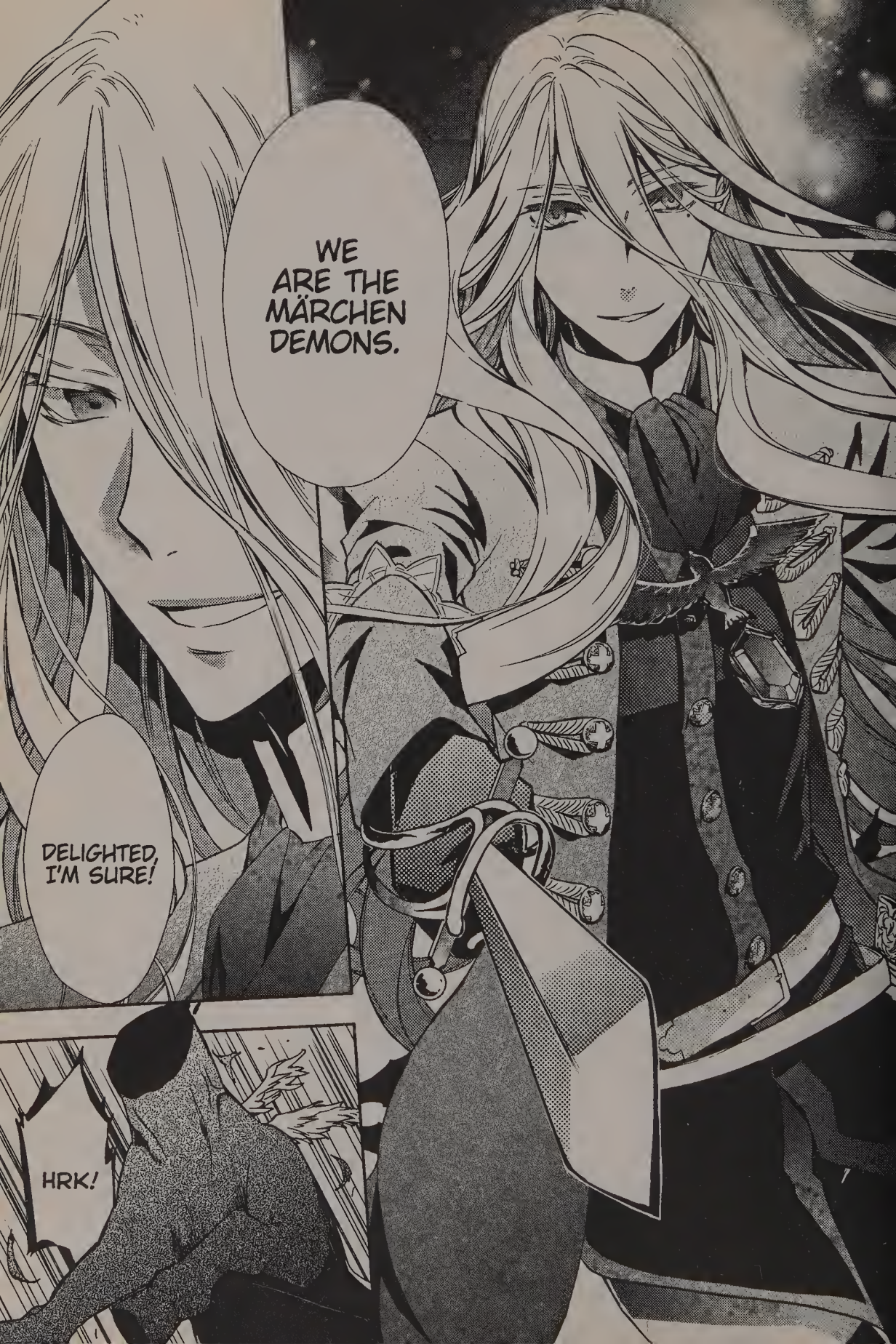
THWAK



EEEEAAAAAH

THIS
WAY!

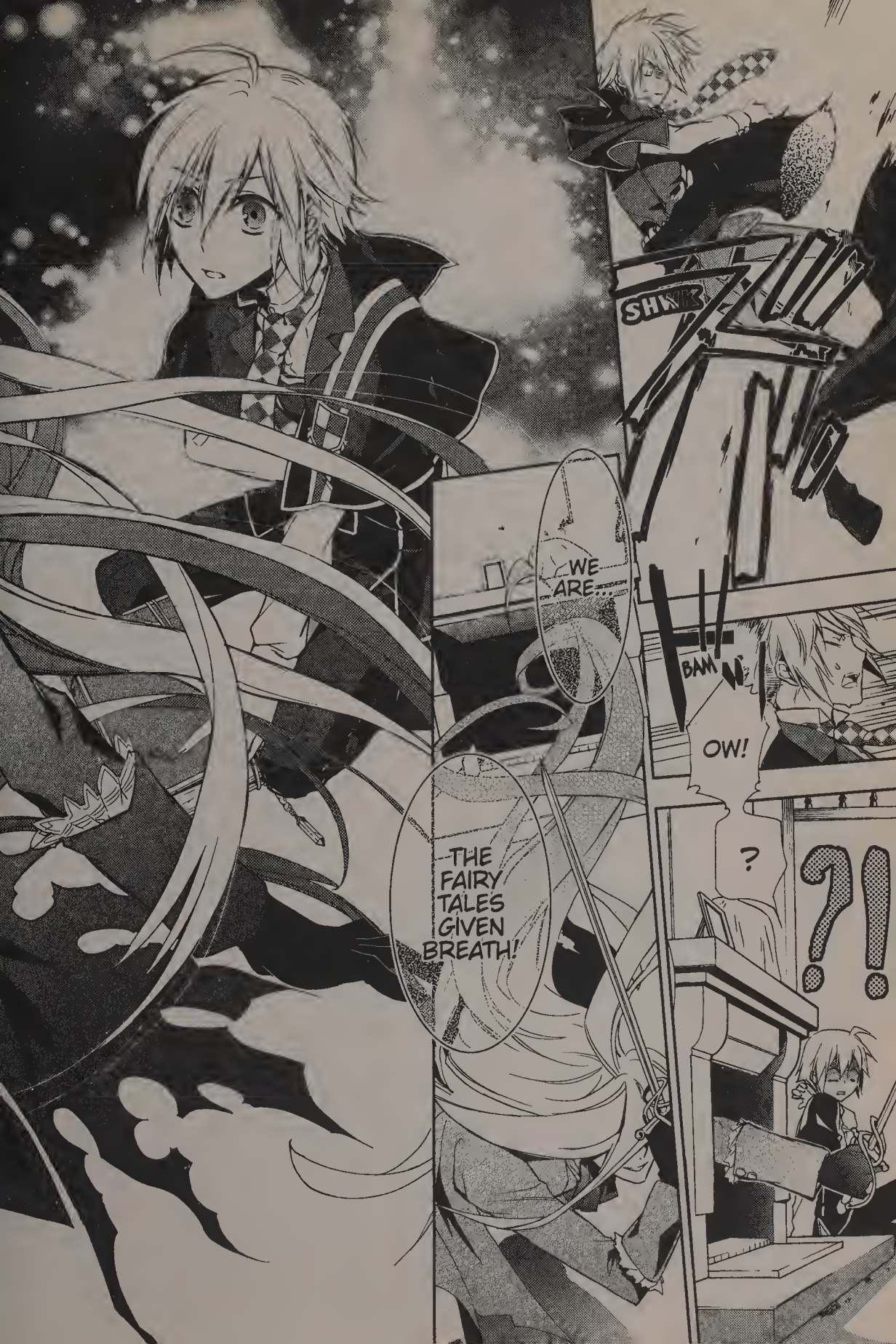
HUH?!



WE
ARE THE
MÄRCHEN
DEMONS.

DELIGHTED,
I'M SURE!

HRK!



SHW

WE
ARE...

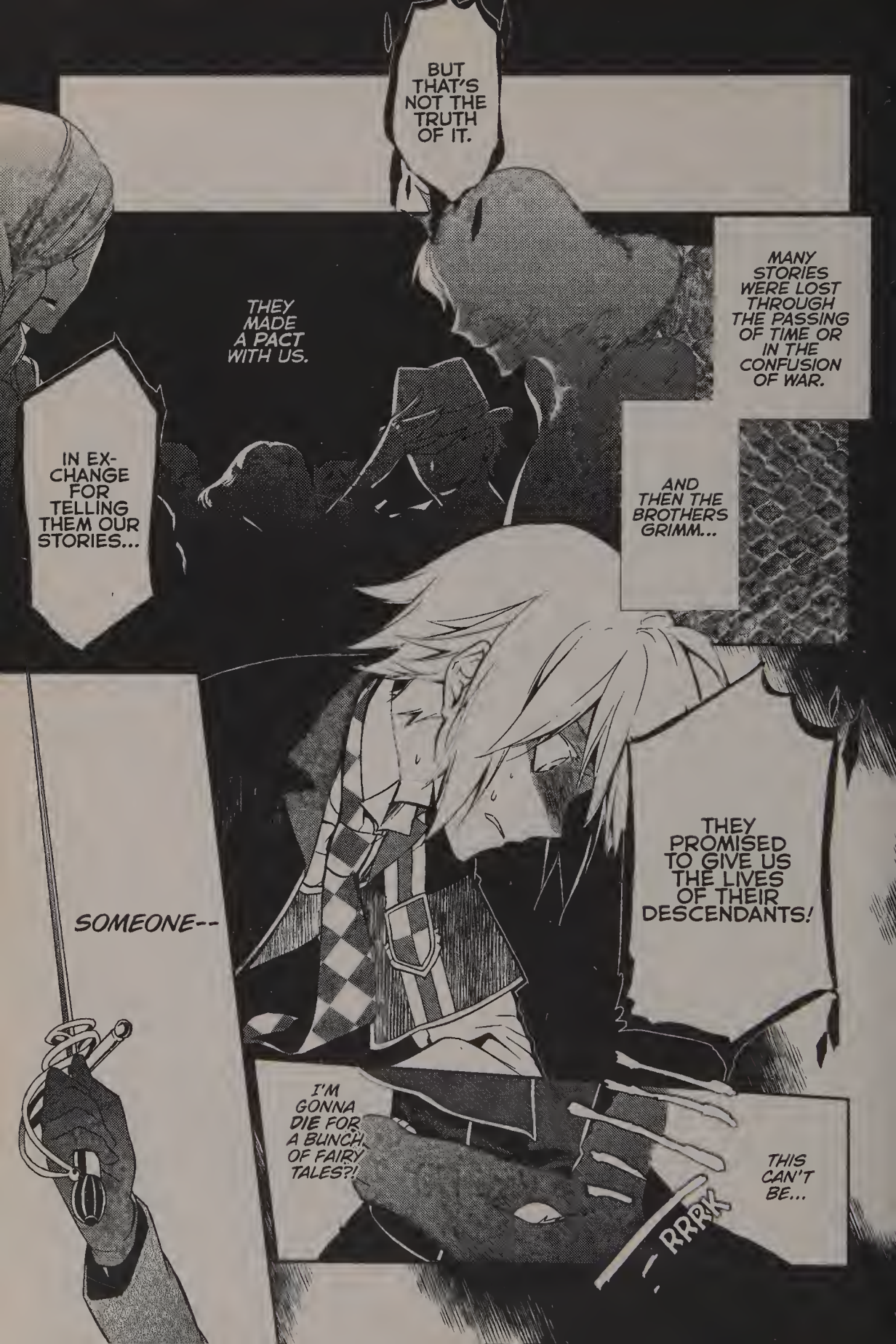
BAM

OW!

THE
FAIRY
TALES
GIVEN
BREATH!

?

?!



BUT
THAT'S
NOT THE
TRUTH
OF IT.

THEY
MADE
A PACT
WITH US.

MANY
STORIES
WERE LOST
THROUGH
THE PASSING
OF TIME OR
IN THE
CONFUSION
OF WAR.

IN EX-
CHANGE
FOR
TELLING
THEM OUR
STORIES...

AND
THEN THE
BROTHERS
GRIMM...

SOMEONE--

THEY
PROMISED
TO GIVE US
THE LIVES
OF THEIR
DESCENDANTS!

I'M
GONNA
DIE FOR
A BUNCH
OF FAIRY
TALES?!

THIS
CAN'T
BE...

RRRK

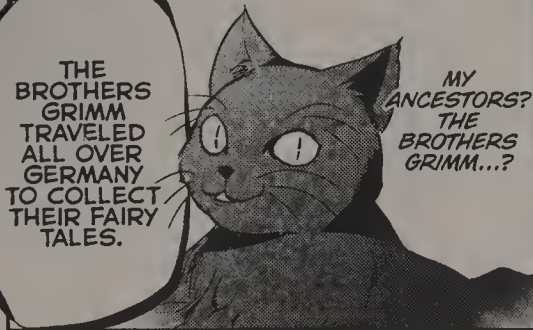


AH!



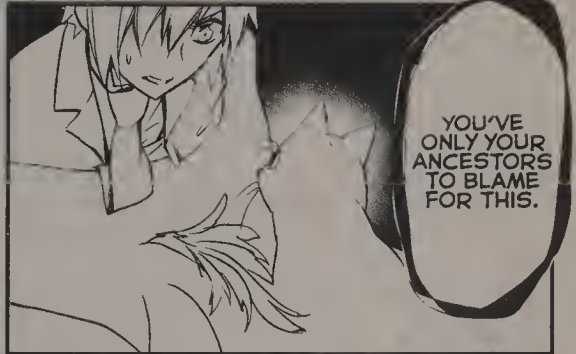
PATHET-
IC
GRIMM!

AAAAAH!

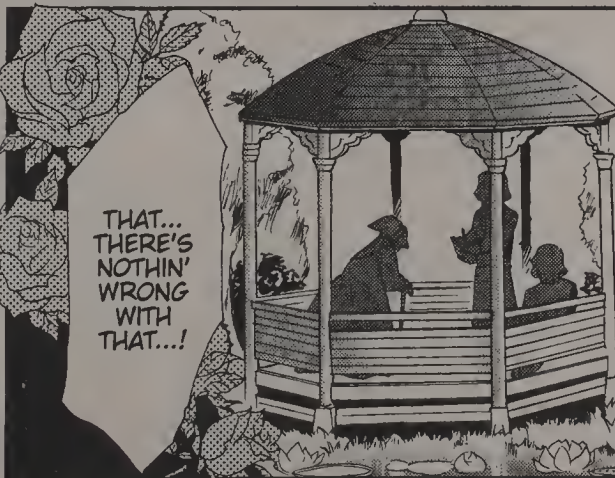


THE
BROTHERS
GRIMM
TRAVELED
ALL OVER
GERMANY
TO COLLECT
THEIR FAIRY
TALES.

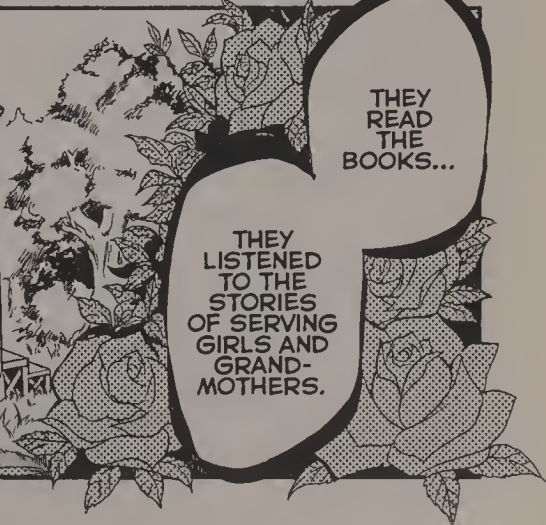
MY
ANCESTORS?
THE
BROTHERS
GRIMM...?



YOU'VE
ONLY YOUR
ANCESTORS
TO BLAME
FOR THIS.



THAT...
THERE'S
NOTHIN'
WRONG
WITH
THAT...!



THEY
READ
THE
BOOKS...

THEY
LISTENED
TO THE
STORIES
OF SERVING
GIRLS AND
GRAND-
MOTHERS.

IT'S
GRIMM!

GRIMM'S
COME
BACK...

.....?!
?!

WHAT
THE...?!

WHA
--?!

SNARL

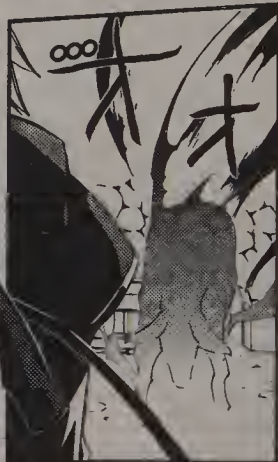
GR...

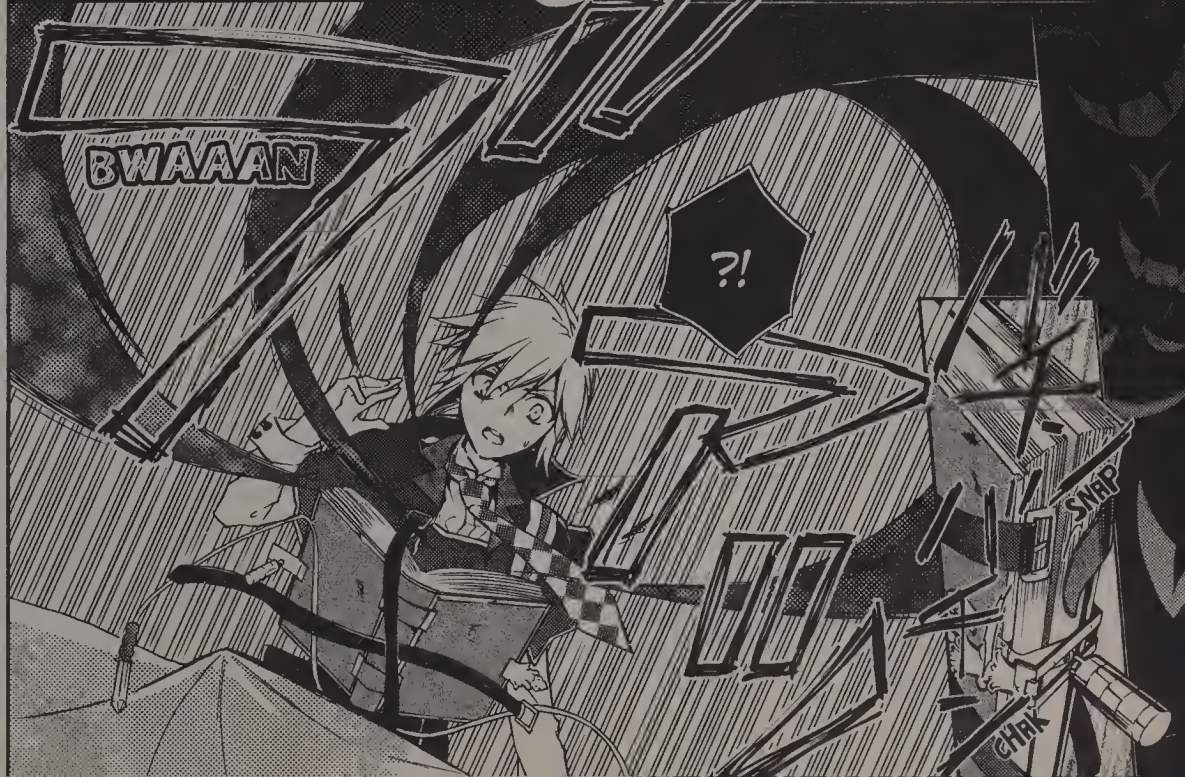
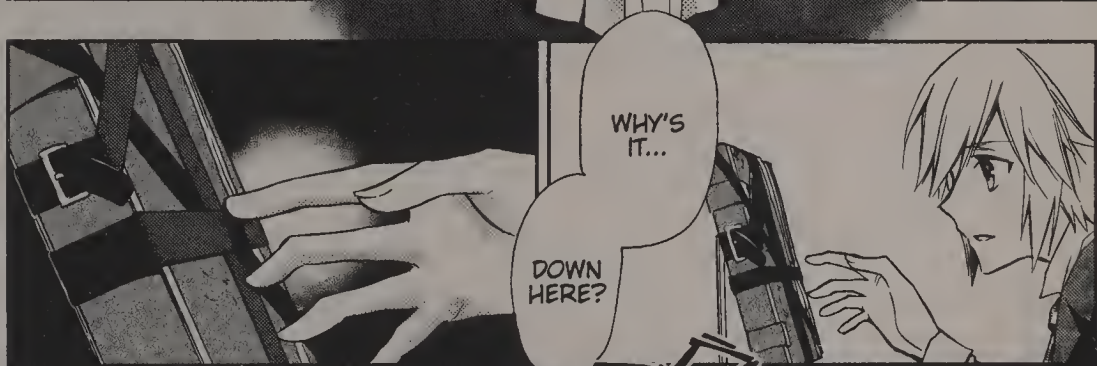
RIMM
...

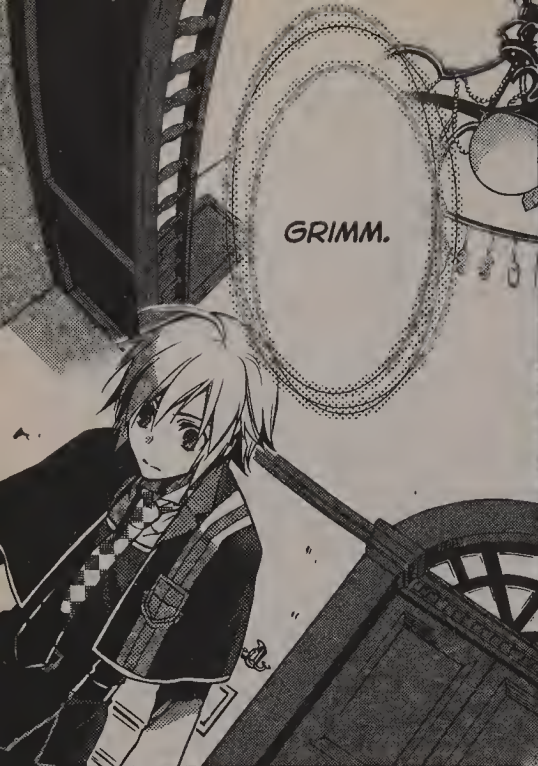
I'LL
KILL
YOU!!

A
HORSE...?!
NO...

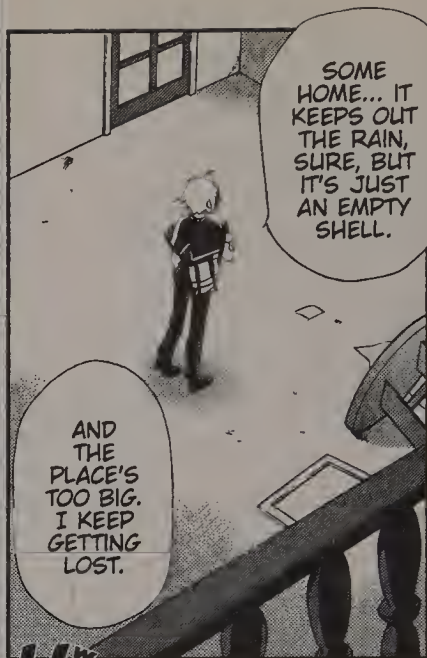
A
MONSTER...!!





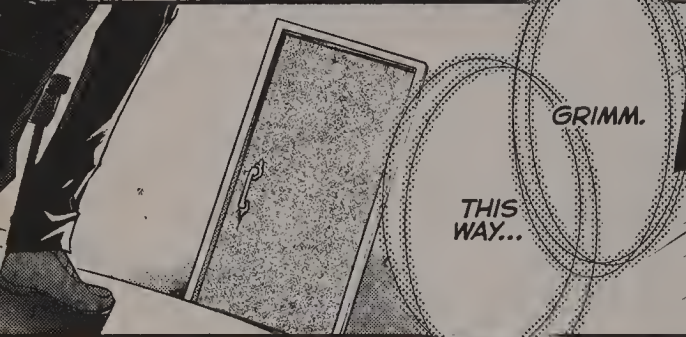


GRIMM.



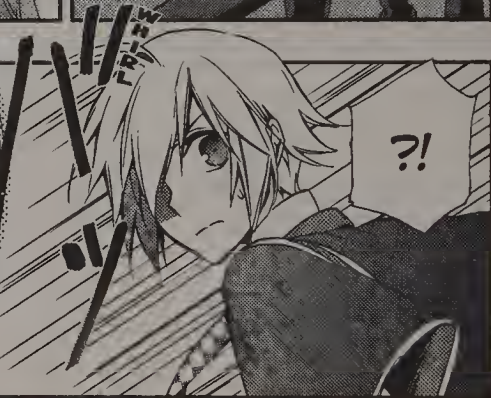
SOME HOME... IT KEEPS OUT THE RAIN, SURE, BUT IT'S JUST AN EMPTY SHELL.

AND THE PLACE'S TOO BIG. I KEEP GETTING LOST.

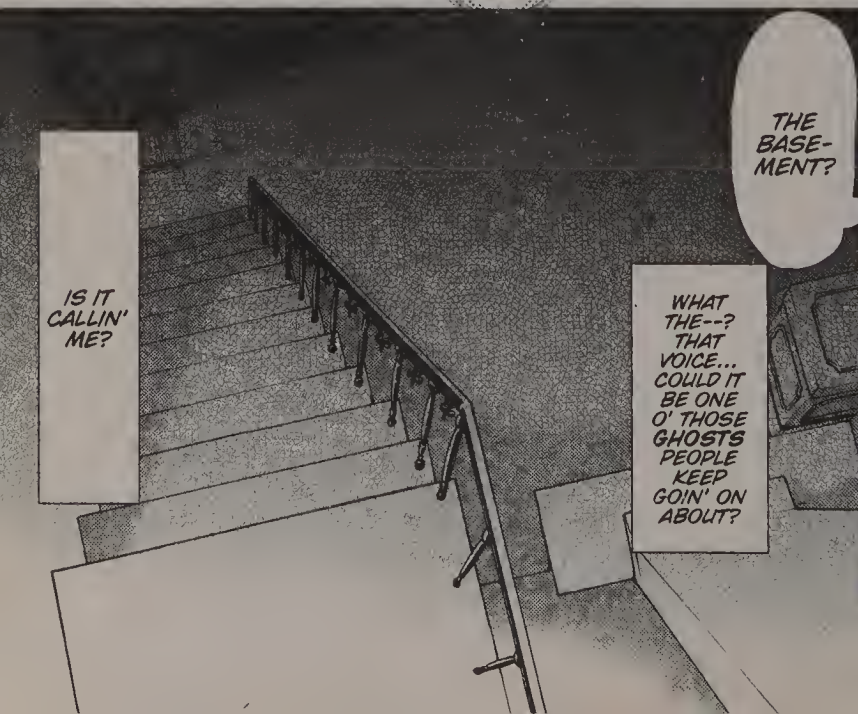


GRIMM.

THIS WAY...



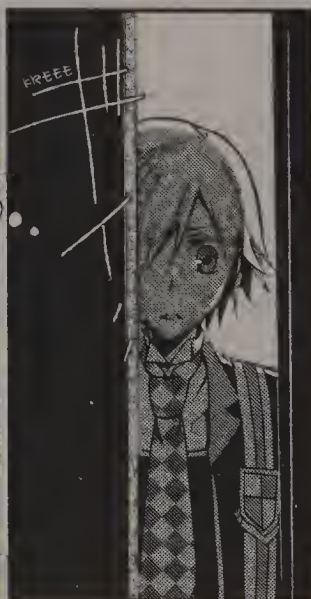
?!



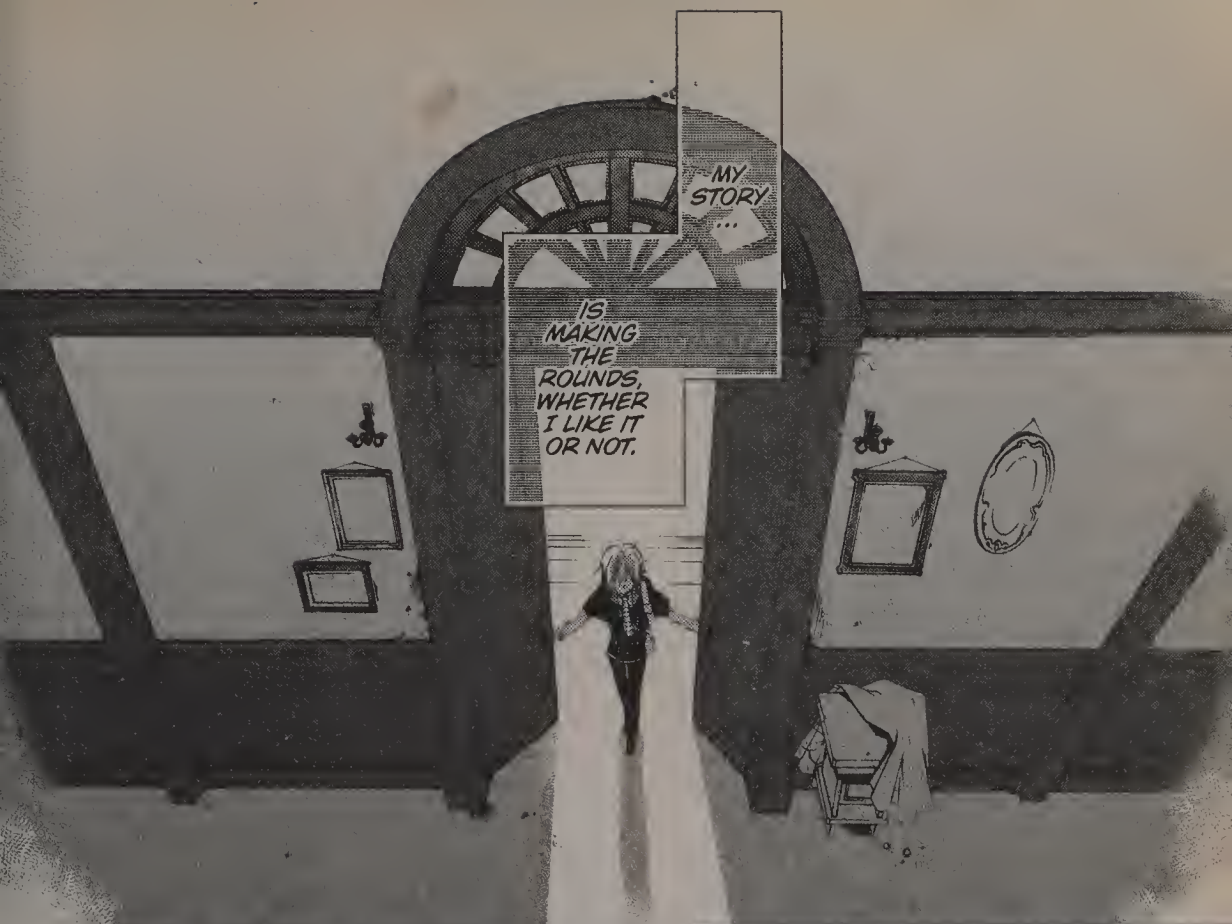
IS IT CALLIN' ME?

THE BASE-
MENT?

WHAT THE--?
THAT VOICE...
COULD IT BE ONE
O' THOSE GHOSTS
PEOPLE KEEP
GOIN' ON ABOUT?

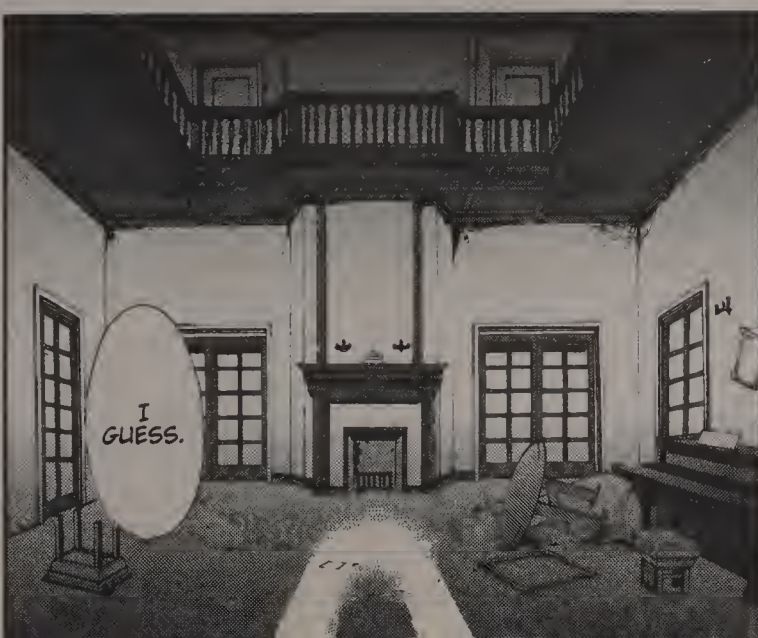


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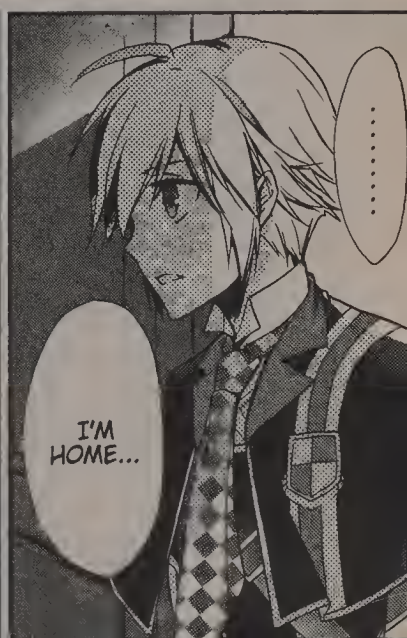


MY
STORY
...

IS
MAKING
THE
ROUNDS,
WHETHER
I LIKE IT
OR NOT.



I
GUESS.



I'M
HOME...



YUP--AND
I HEARD
HE'S LIVING
THERE ALL BY
HIMSELF.

WHAT?
A KID
LIVING
ALONE?

THE GUY
WHO MOVED
INTO THAT
HOUSE ON
THE HILL.

THE
HAUNTED
HOUSE?

BEFORE
I KNEW
IT...

*I can
hear
you,
lady.*

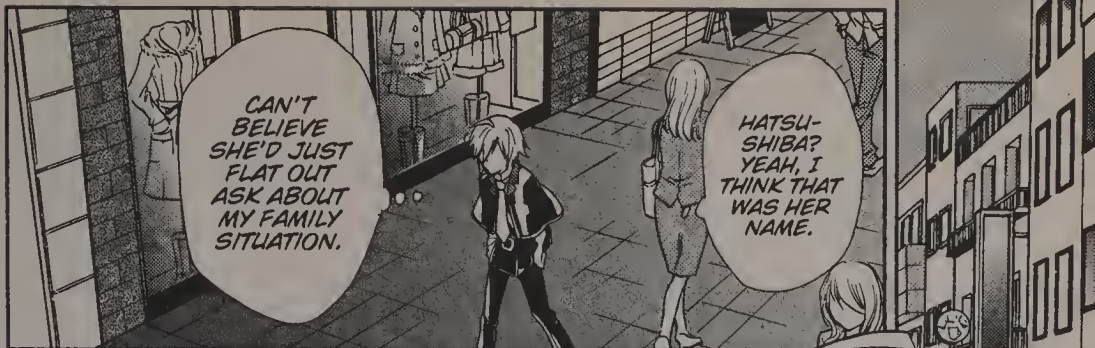
I'D
LIKE TO
KNOW
THAT
STORY,
TOO.

THERE'S
GOTTA BE
A STORY
THERE...



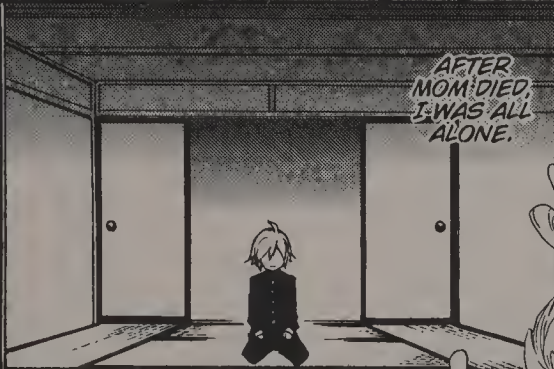
SPREAD
BY LORD
ONLY
KNOWS
WHO.

RUMORS
AND
SPECU-
LATIONS
WERE
FLYING
EVERY-
WHERE.



CAN'T BELIEVE SHE'D JUST FLAT OUT ASK ABOUT MY FAMILY SITUATION.

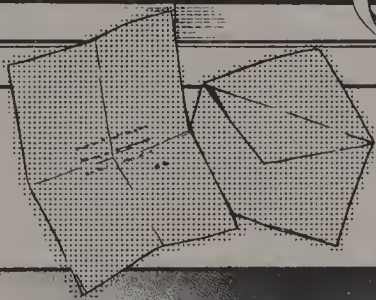
HATSU-SHIBA? YEAH, I THINK THAT WAS HER NAME.



AFTER MOM DIED, I WAS ALL ALONE.

BUT I CAN'T TELL HER...

AND THEN LAST MONTH, I GET A LETTER FROM THE FATHER I'VE NEVER MET.



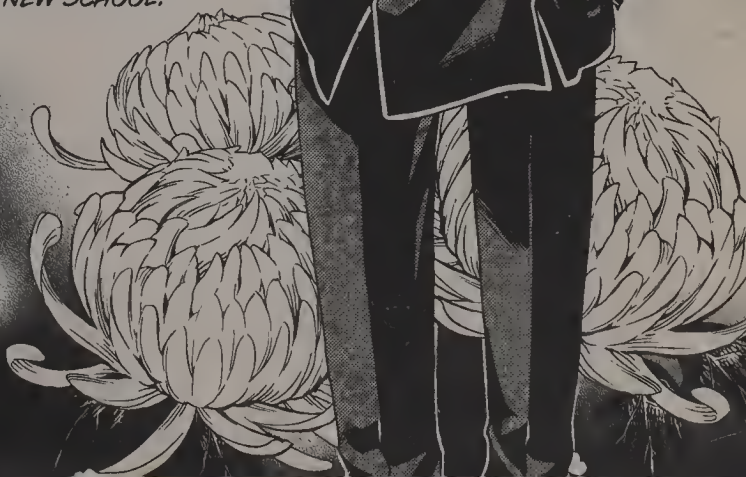
CAUSE I REALLY DON'T KNOW MUCH MYSELF.

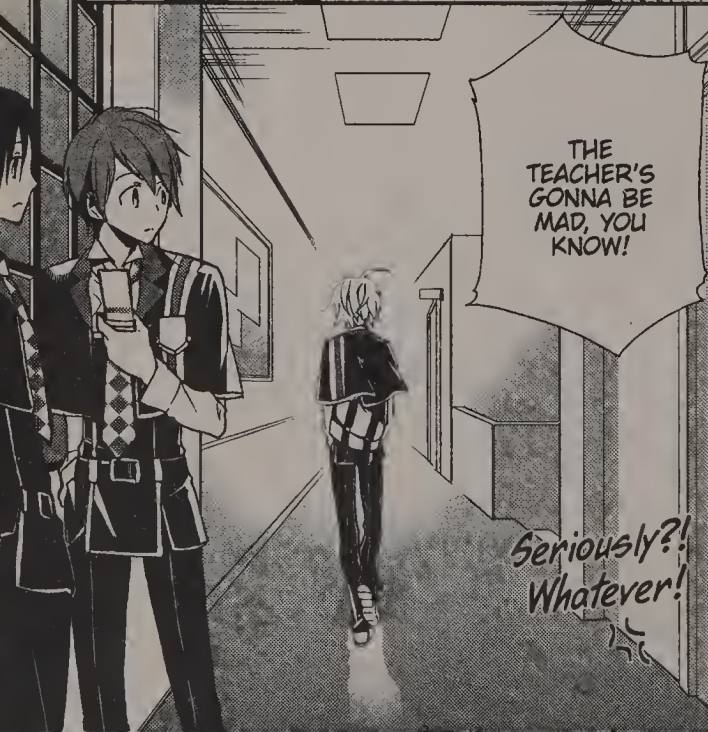
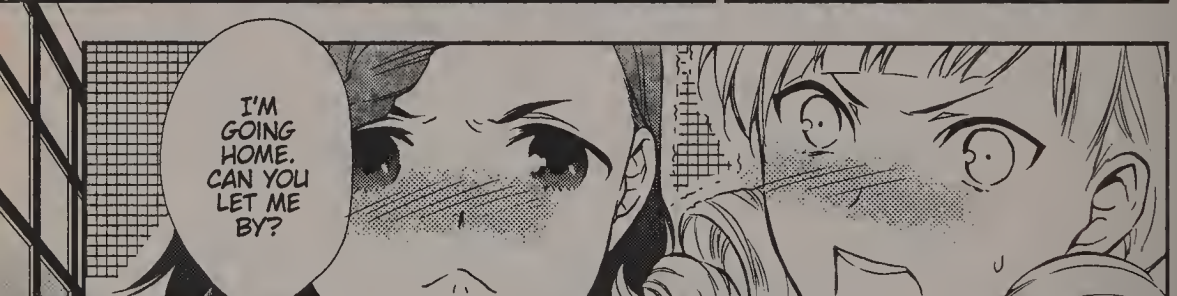
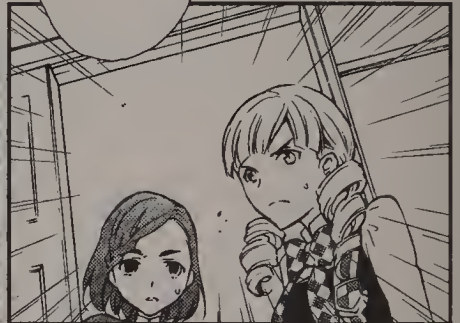


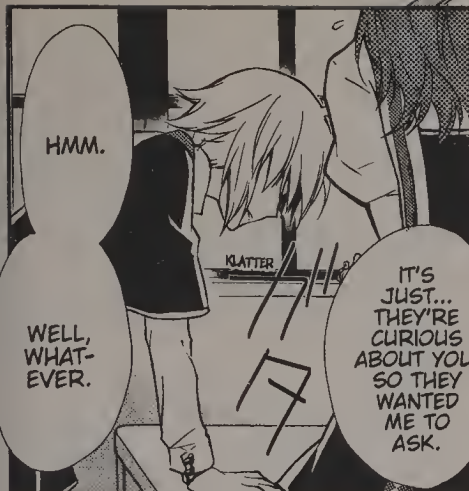
AND THAT WAS IT. NOTHIN' MORE.

"I'VE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU TO MOVE AND TRANSFER TO A NEW SCHOOL."

LOOK! THAT'S HIM.



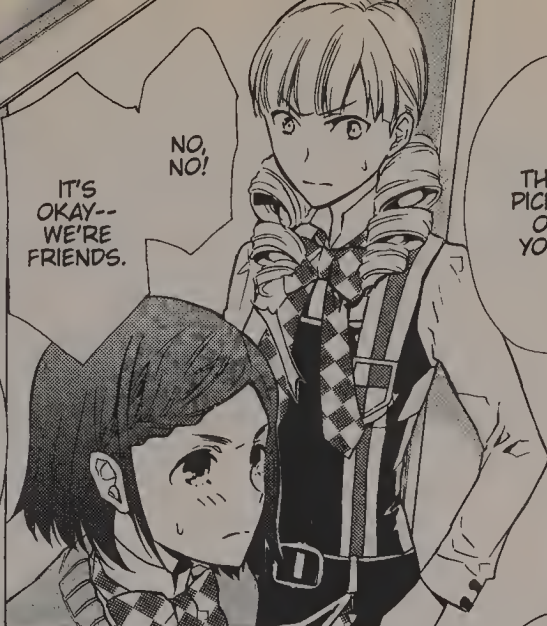




HMM.

WELL,
WHAT-
EVER.

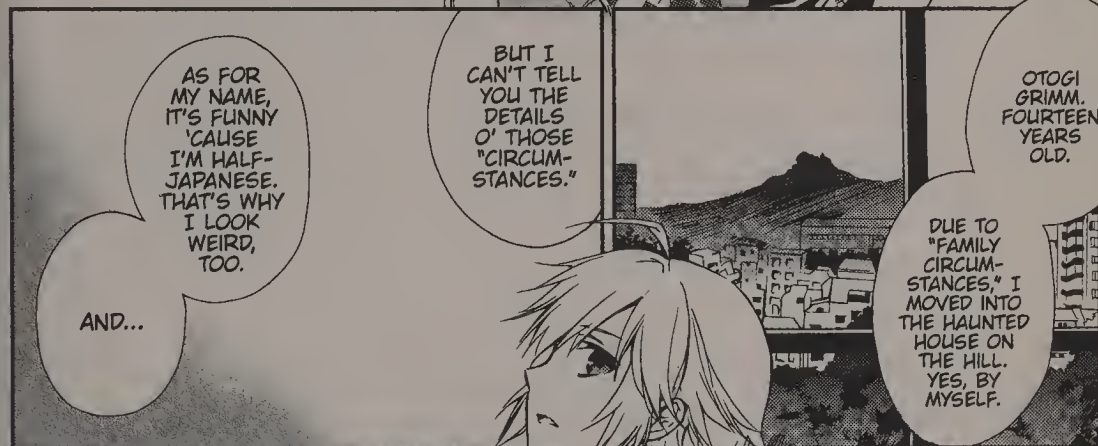
IT'S
JUST...
THEY'RE
CURIOUS
ABOUT YOU,
SO THEY
WANTED
ME TO
ASK.



NO,
NO!

IT'S
OKAY--
WE'RE
FRIENDS.

THEY
PICKIN'
ON
YOU?



AS FOR
MY NAME,
IT'S FUNNY
'CAUSE
I'M HALF-
JAPANESE.
THAT'S WHY
I LOOK
WEIRD,
TOO.

AND...

BUT I
CAN'T TELL
YOU THE
DETAILS
O' THOSE
"CIRCUM-
STANCES."

OTOGI
GRIMM.
FOURTEEN
YEARS
OLD.

DUE TO
"FAMILY
CIRCUM-
STANCES," I
MOVED INTO
THE HAUNTED
HOUSE ON
THE HILL.
YES, BY
MYSELF.



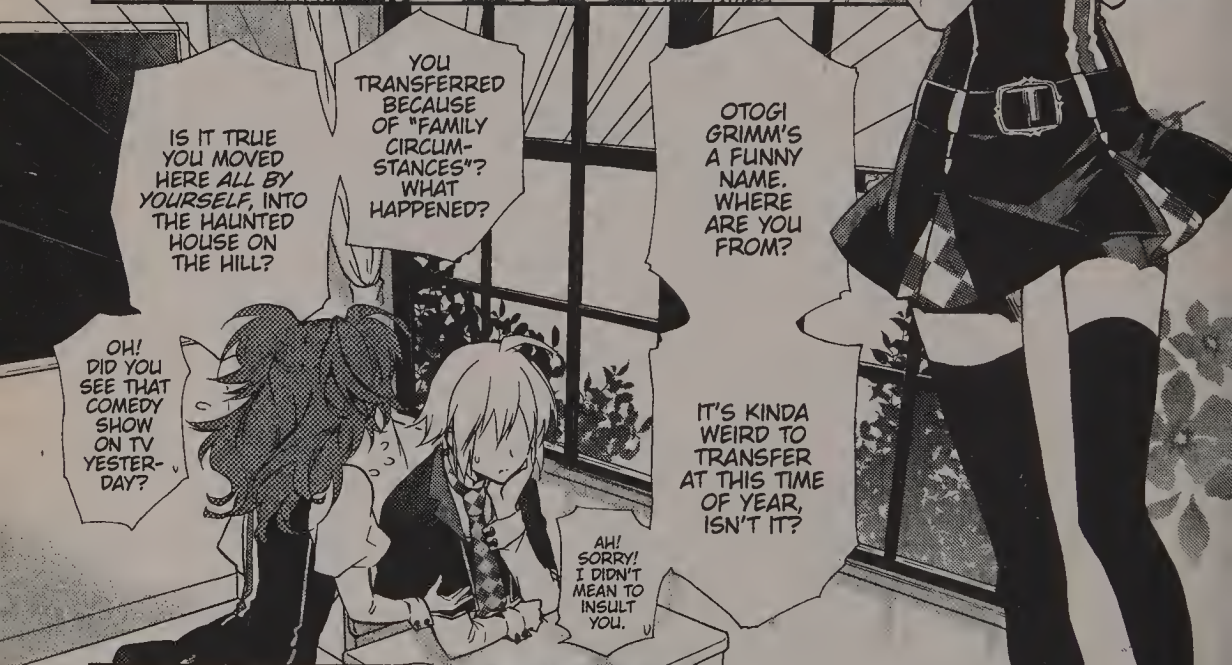
APPARENTLY,
I'M
DESCENDED
FROM THE
BROTHERS
GRIMM OF
GRIMM'S
FAIRY
TALES
FAME.



UH...

UM!

I-I'M
HIYORI
HATSUSHIBA.
I SIT NEXT
TO YOU.



IS IT TRUE
YOU MOVED
HERE ALL BY
YOURSELF, INTO
THE HAUNTED
HOUSE ON THE
HILL?

YOU
TRANSFERRED
BECAUSE
OF "FAMILY
CIRCUM-
STANCES"?
WHAT
HAPPENED?

OTOGI
GRIMM'S
A FUNNY
NAME.
WHERE
ARE YOU
FROM?

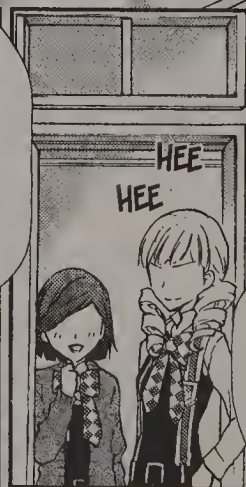
OH!
DID YOU
SEE THAT
COMEDY
SHOW
ON TV
YESTER-
DAY?

IT'S KINDA
WEIRD TO
TRANSFER
AT THIS TIME
OF YEAR,
ISN'T IT?

AH!
SORRY!
I DIDN'T
MEAN TO
INSULT
YOU.



DID THEY
DARE YOU
TO COME
AN' CHECK
OUT THE
NEW KID?

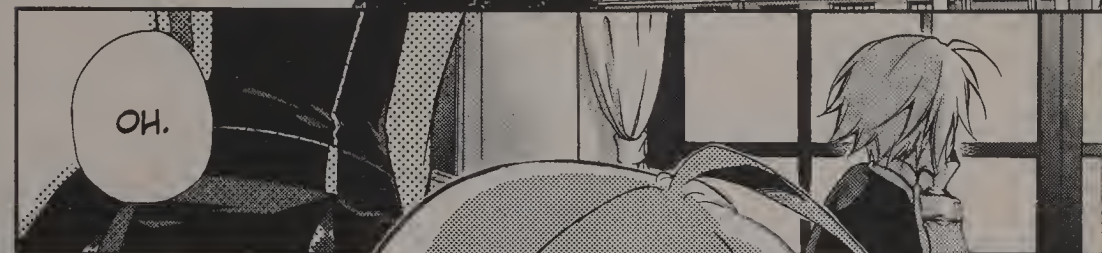
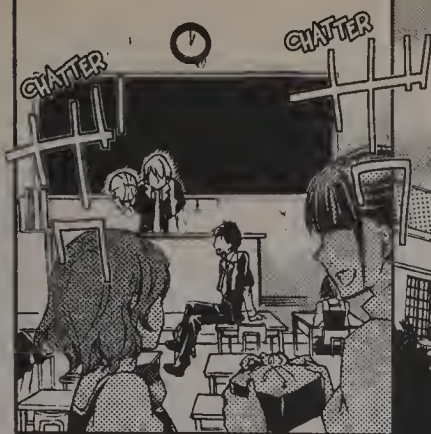


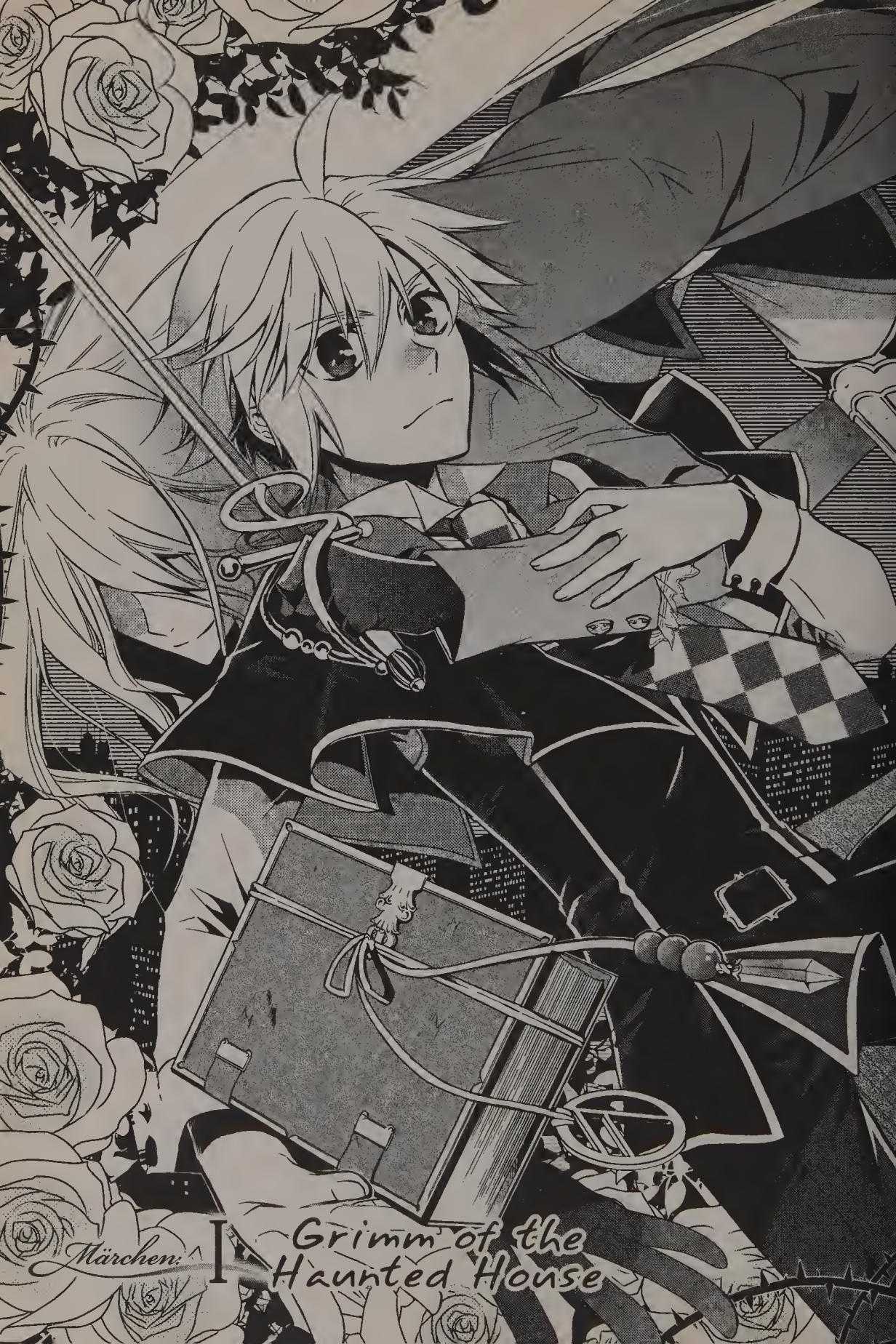
HEE
HEE

UM,
I'M
SORRY.

ASKING
YOU ALL
THIS
STUFF
IN A
BUNCH...



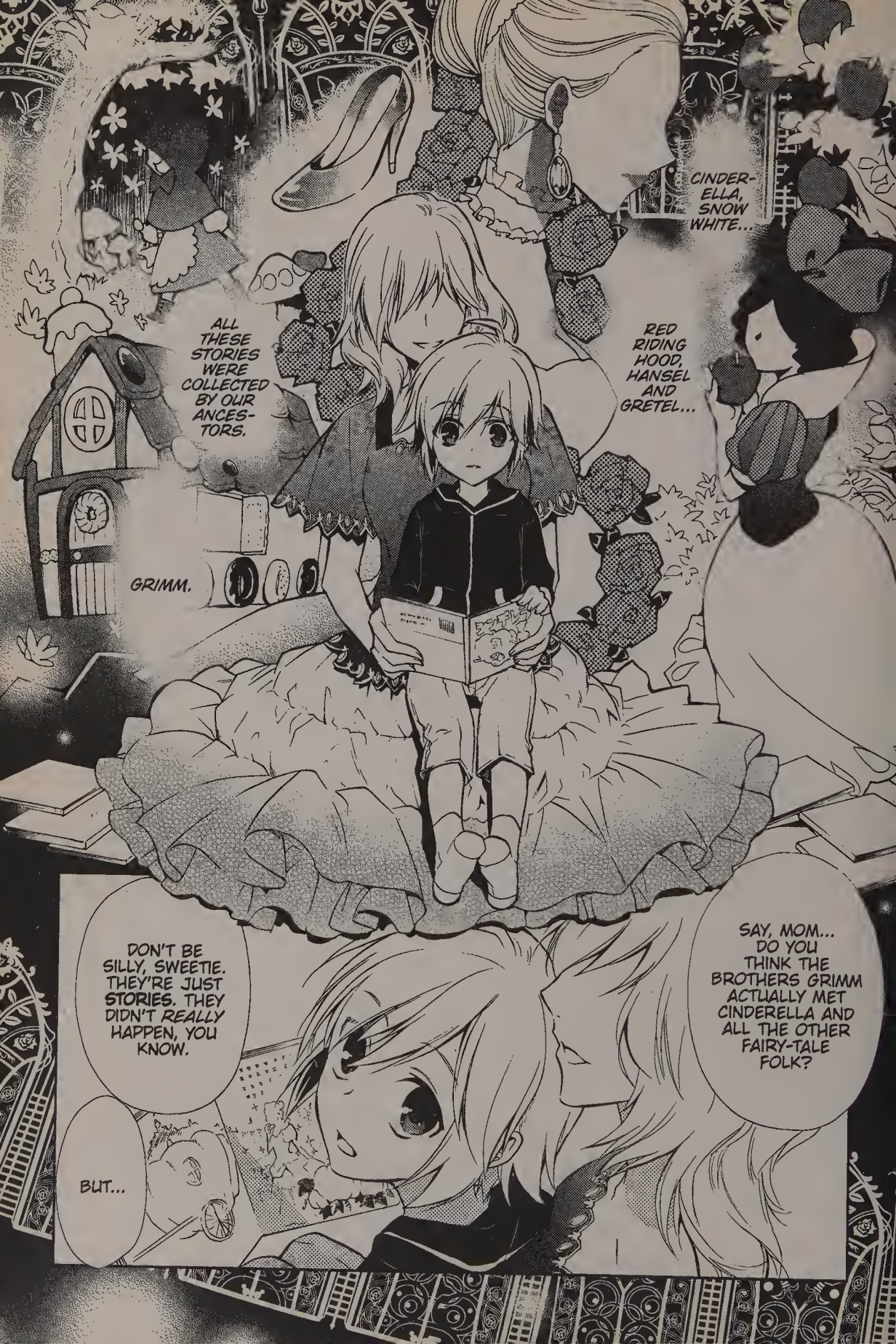




Märchen: I Grimm of the Haunted House



HOW
CAN
YOU
BE
SURE?



CINDER-
ELLA,
SNOW
WHITE...

ALL
THESE
STORIES
WERE
COLLECTED
BY OUR
ANCESTORS.

RED
RIDING
HOOD,
HANSEL
AND
GRETEL...

GRIMM.

DON'T BE
SILLY, SWEETIE.
THEY'RE JUST
STORIES. THEY
DIDN'T REALLY
HAPPEN, YOU
KNOW.

BUT...

SAY, MOM...
DO YOU
THINK THE
BROTHERS GRIMM
ACTUALLY MET
CINDERELLA AND
ALL THE OTHER
FAIRY-TALE
FOLK?





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